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EDITORIAL

History may have been a dull subject when we were at school but our generation has seen more real history made before its very eyes than any other since the dawn of civilization.

Radio and newspaper commentators who glibly remark that the war in which the Yankee Division so gallantly fought, was a useless, prove nothing, sort of affair ought to have their heads examined.

We proved that Americans will fight down to the last skeleton squad. We also proved that the American soldier thinks faster on his feet than any other, as witness the countless men who were decorated "For extreme heroism under heavy enemy fire although all officers had been made casualties."

It would be well for the Axis Powers to remember that we seldom pick a fight but as General Andy Jackson was wont to say, "By the Eternal, we are great finishers"!

The only good, as we see it, that can come out of this mess in which we are seemingly about to be involved will be in the unification of the American people. With it we will see an appreciation of the U.S. and all it stands for by the young chaps who find themselves in O.D. for the first time.

As we go to press Berlin states that the seizure of Axis ships by the U.S. may be historically significant. One incident is all that is needed and this may be IT.

Even those who have been drafted unwillingly should, in a year's service, get the idea that we should all try to give . . . not get, something from our country. If they don't, then God help the United States of America!

Let's Adopt the New YD

When we see boys of the new YD strolling about, we get sort of sick in the stomach. Sick because we're fat and forty with nothing but a bunch of memories over twenty years old. We look back to Chemin des Dames, Seichprey, Apremont Woods, Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, and the Argonne and wish that there was some way to tell these youngsters what the old division stands for and what a gallant battle record it has.

Fortunately a great many of the officers of the new YD served in the old during the World War, but from all that we hear, they are so very busy teaching these lads that there is little time to give them the historical background of one of the greatest divisions in the history of the United States Army.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to get permission from the Commanding General at Camp Edwards to stage a field day there and put on a program that would show the boys once and for all that they'll have to be good to better our record. This would give everyone an opportunity to visit the new companies which have been formed from the old; many of the officers under whom we served are there; and as a crowning event for the day, if the National Executive Committee would consider such a thing, to present these lads with a battle flag of blue silk upon which would be inscribed in white silk the major battles in which the division participated during the first World War.

With this visible record of the division's splendid past, it should create a morale second to none among the divisions now in the field. If such an event were properly publicized, we could doubtless get it in the news reels and add another brilliant page to our record.

Past Commander

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Any Dope on This?

The Connecticut Department Secretary is trying to get some information on the following case, but unfortunately failed to include the man's name. It may be that they didn't know it. In any event, here goes.

Out in the field to the right of a town, Epieds or thereabouts, a corporal advancing on a machine gun nest was severely wounded in the chest when a bullet struck and exploded his rifle magazine. He crawled back to a group of comrades who were trying to knock a sniper out of a church steeple. Shelling was heavy and the CO asked for volunteers to carry the wounded man back. Two men cut saplings, stretched their blouses over the poles and succeeded in getting their corporal back to the field hospital.

One of the bearers was blown to bits shortly afterwards when he stopped for a drink at the well in the courtyard by the field hospital. Gas was being used and the surviving bearer is still partially disabled from the gas inhaled that day. This man hopes that the corporal may still be alive and read this letter.

The stretcher bearer was in the 102nd Infantry and possibly the corporal was in the same regiment. If this case can be service connected, the man will receive hospital care. The action was in July, 1918.

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The Old Story

Fifty Nazi pilots knocked at the gates of Heaven and sought admittance. St. Peter waved them back.

"I'm sorry," he said, "but only six of you can come in."

"But there are 50 of us," the Nazis protested.

"Maybe," replied St. Peter, "but Field Marshal Goering's communique said that only six had been shot down."—Montreal Star.

A.P.O. 709

STANLEY C. GOSINSKI is a representative in the General Assembly of Connecticut. Senator CLAUDE MILLS is a State Senator, the only two YD men there.

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Chicago Chapter hasn't had decent weather on meeting nights—*but the gang turns out.*

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Did you know that the Assistant Attorney General of these United States is a YD man? He's THURMAN ARNOLD and he announced before a National Committee that the Yankee Division won the war and added, "and that was my division."

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Any and all men of the YD who have boys from 16 to 18 years of age, who are interested in baseball, get in touch with J. H. Smith at the Boston Chapter or Eddie Burke, Post Commander YD Post 290 at the Boston Chapter.

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Remember Sgt. DAVE MCCOLLUM of the 102d Inf.? History repeated itself last week when his boy left Manchester, N. H. with Co. K for Camp Blanding. And the youngster's name? Corp. Clarence Edwards McCollum.

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Mrs. Frank Quinn, wife of a former member of Co. D, 102d Inf., writes that she wants to thank all YD men, particularly DICK SCANLON for helping her husband get a service connected disability. DAVE SWARTZ and the Detroit Chapter, JOHN CONNORS at Newington, FRANK SHEEHAN, HERMAN SCHAEFFER, DAVID MINOGUE and CAL MARCELLA of Waterbury were all in there fighting for QUINN; so let's split the credit eight ways.

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Miss Virginia Connolly, daughter of BILL CONNOLLY who served in C Co., 101 Eng., was the unanimous choice for Carnival Queen for Mt. Ida Junior College, Newton, Mass., recently. And when you add to beauty, a love and appreciation of their country that all these YD kids of ours possess, you've got something!

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Comrades of GEORGE RIFFORD, Co. B, 104th Inf., who died of wounds in the battle of Apremont Woods in April, 1918, will be very sorry to hear that his mother, Mrs. Nelly Rifford passed away on February 12. Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield, Mass.

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HARRY BUGBEE, Nat. Historian, wants to make a complete collection of all poems and tributes contributed by comrades, on good old PHIL SANBORN.

If you wrote one, will you please send a typewritten copy to Harry, Highgate Center, Vermont, so that he can place them in the association archives.

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GEORGE K. ROBBINS, Co. B, 104th Inf., writes from Kansas City, Mo., that an old YD man, HARRY M. GAMBREL, is Lt. Col., in the 3rd Missouri Reserve Infantry. He also wants a membership blank sent to MERLE NEWTON, 914 Chestnut St., K. C. who served in the 103rd Inf.

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And still the letters pour in asking for addresses of comrades; so you fellows can make a date to meet at the Convention in Manchester.

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WALTER ABBOTT, 101st Eng., has offered to make photos for DOINGS from time to time to help out and this is a great help. Walter is official photographer for the Mass. State Dept. of the Legion and also the Public Safety Comm.

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New Haven Chapter, acting in conjunction with the YD Post of the American Legion of Connecticut, has organized a disaster battalion to function through the New Haven Defense Council. The members of the New Haven Chapter received instruction in first aid from members of the 118th Medical now at Camp Blanding, Florida.

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JOSEPH G. GAVIN, New England Manager of Small, Brewer, Inc., newspaper representatives, and who served in Headquarters Co. of the 101st F. A., was recently appointed vice-president of this firm.

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JOSEPH PROMER, Battery E, 101st F.A. asks if he can secure a picture of the Battery taken at Camp Devens after we returned from France in 1919. If anyone knows where such a picture can

be secured, will they inform our National Secretary, GUY WATTS.

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Lt. MARTIN W. JOYCE, Chief Commission officer of the Mass. State Police, who served in Battery A, 101st F. A. has been elected president of the Associated Police Communications Officers Inc. at Indianapolis.

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New Britain has a wide-awake member in Lt. Col. BERNARD L. GORFINKLE, formerly on General Edward's staff, for he set out to get some pianos for the new YD. One article written by him which appeared in the Boston Post had him swamped with offers of everything from pianos, pool tables and a cage full of canaries, to say nothing of a raft of books. Up to this date he has been given 310 pianos so he generously sidetracked 90 of them to Fort Devens.

Col. GORFINKLE was on the border with Troop D, Mass. Cavalry, went over with the 101st Amm. Train and wound up in the Judge Advocate's office. After the outfits returned to the U. S. he stayed to try court martial cases and later was assigned to the Peace Commission as American Secretary of the Supreme Economic Council and saw the Treaty signed at Versailles. If you ask us, the Colonel has done a man-sized bit for this country of ours.

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The Ladies Aux. of Co. B, 102nd M.G.B. held forth at the YD Club recently but Ethel Cooper Miller, Secretary, says the girls were not so numerous they had to call the traffic squad. She asks the editor to help get them to appear at meetings. I can't get them to the meetings my dear Miss Miller but I have a thirty minute talk that will keep them there, asleep, if you will get them all together just once. It's about books and is guaranteed to make 90% yawn within three minutes.

Company B also met and HERMAN BUSH was acting president until they elected Major HARLEY SCOTT president with HERMAN as Vice. Wives will now be admitted to membership to make it easier for the boys to get out. CHARLIE SHANNON resigned as Treasurer. There will be a dinner given in April and be sure to invite the editor. He was with Co. B. Remember?

MEETING NIGHTS OF YD CHAPTERS

MAINE	
Waterville	4th Thursday.
MASSACHUSETTS	
State Department	1st Sunday.
Boston	3rd Tuesday.
Concord	2nd Thursday.
Danvers	3rd Wednesday.
Fitchburg	2nd Tuesday.
Haverhill	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Lowell	4th Tuesday.
Lynn	Every Tuesday.
Marlboro	2nd Wednesday.
Milford	3rd Wednesday.
New Bedford	2nd Tuesday.
Reading	2nd and 4th Thursday.
Salem	Every Friday.
Springfield	1st and 3rd Friday.
Worcester	1st and 3rd Thursday.
NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Manchester	2nd Wednesday.
CONNECTICUT	
State Department	2nd Sunday.
Bridgeport	2nd and 4th Monday.
Bristol	2nd Friday.
Hartford	1st Monday.
Manchester	2nd Tuesday.
Meriden	2nd Monday.
Middletown	Kolinsky Dugout.
New Britain	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
New Haven	2nd and 4th Thursday.
New London	2nd and 4th Friday.
Norwalk	3rd Friday.
Stamford	1st Monday.
Terryville	1st Monday.
Torrington	1st Tuesday.
Valley	2nd and 4th Thursday.
Wallingford	2nd Tuesday.
Waterbury	1st and 3rd Friday.
Willimantic	1st Monday.
RHODE ISLAND	
Providence	3rd Thursday.
VERMONT	
Brattleboro	2nd Thursday.
Rutland	2nd Thursday.
Washington	Last Friday.

To all Chapter Secretaries: Send in your meeting nights so that we can build up a schedule for all departments.—*Ed.*

"Pete" Pratt Praises Pals

HAP JULES called the writer on the telephone and said—"Gosh, Pete, you've done such a swell job this year in Concord, that you ought to write YANKEE DOINGS, and tell the gang how you've been so successful."

That's a fine compliment, but we should have done a lot more, and at the head in the race for the Sanborn Trophy.

"Gosh, Hap, you've certainly given me a tough nut to crack, but here goes. I must give full credit to my fine Sec'y-Treas., REX MORGAN, to all the Chapter Officers, and the Members of this Chapter, for their true YD spirit, and co-operation. That is the real secret of the success or failure of any organization, whether it be a business, or fraternal body. Without it, well—too bad; with it, success.

At the outset, I must point out that the success, such as it is, of the Minute Man Chapter, is due first and foremost to the YD spirit of its members. To their 100% co-operation in everything we have undertaken, and to that intangible something that is not found anywhere else except at YD meetings. That, and that alone is the secret of the Concord Chapter. We have merely followed in the footsteps of you all. To all the Chapters, therefore, we say sincerely, thank you for your endless help and co-operation.

To the National Commander, AUSTIN APPLEBY, to JIM SULLIVAN, to GUY WATTS, BEN JAMES, those of the Salem, Lynn, Fitchburg, Worcester, and other Chapters who had their representatives present at our First Installation a year ago, we say—how could we do otherwise than live up to the example set that evening? If we have succeeded, that success is due to the efforts of those fine YD men who got us off on the right foot.

As to our particular problems. Geographically, we cover a rather large radius. Hence, what is successful in Boston, Salem, etc., may not apply here in the wilds.

Most chapters meet once a month and this is doubtless best for those of large membership. We however, have our executive members handle the business of the chapter, then when we meet, about every other month, we have a whale of a time with darned few speeches, plenty to eat and plenty of music. Every meeting sees over 65% on hand. In a nutshell, "Find out what the boys want—then give it to them."

—B. ALCOTT PRATT.

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A. P. O. 709

Promotions since last issue: Captain HAROLD J. SMITH to Major and Lieut. HUGH ROBERTS to Captain.

Another Deputy District Attorney R. R. CARR just joined the Denver Chapter.

RAYMOND WAYLAND, C Co. 104th Inf. has been in Army since war. Now Sergeant A Battery, 68th C.A.C. Anti-Aircraft at Camp Edwards.

Still looking for those two bars. Lieut's CONNOR and JACKSON.

HARRY BISSELL, now of Bordentown, N. J., recently visited the old gang at Manchester. ROLAND DEVINE, 104th Inf. is showing Uncle Sam how to build houses on the Federal Housing Project in Hartford. FRANK BOSSIDY, K Co., 102nd, in business for himself ever since his return from France, responded to a patriotic urge and is now working at his old calling of toolmaker in an aircraft plant.

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A report from RUFUS HENDERSON, Juneau, Alaska, (G Co., 104th Inf.), that there are three more YD men in Juneau, RALPH S. MERRILL (102nd Amb.), FRANK DUFRANE (F. A.), JOHN COVINGTON (D Co., 102nd Inf.). Chance for a Chapter in Alaska.

THE RUBBER BOOT

YANKEE DOINGS has opened up its columns to every YD man in order that he may tell his own story.

Here's one: —

My story goes back to the good old days spent at Camp Coetquidan, France. Good old Cokey, the land of the mud and the horse-buns and last but not least those damned old French horses who couldn't understand one word of English.

As all you good soldiers know, we men, of the Artillery, very, very seldom indulged in that stuff known as "Hootch." True, at times when the water was polluted we were forced to quench our thirst by making love to a bottle. No, no, Mr. Editor, I have never got drunk enough to lick thirty-seven M.P.'s, but I will admit that I have taken a rap over the conk from that breed known as military police, to save a buddy from annihilation.

Twenty-one years later I recall the day when some "Higher Up" issued an order which ran something like this: "Men, from now on all liquor brought into camp must come under the belt and not on the outside." From then on life was miserable as on our return from town we were frisked from head to foot by the guards searching for the forbidden stuff. In other words we received a going over from our own buddies. Boy, what a thrill. No wonder I love YD men.

I remember the night I went to town all dolled up in my rubber boots. Yes, I wore them for protection with no evil thought in mind. Unfortunately, it turned out otherwise.

What a night, I'll never forget it. Down at the cafe I ran into a gang who were drowning their sorrows. Being in sympathy I done likewise and before the night was very old we were seeing things we shouldn't have seen. You know how it is.

When the wee hour was drawing near some one brought up the subject as to how we could sneak an "Eye Opener" by the guards for the morning. Well, when it comes to brains you can't beat a YD man. Somehow or other in every outfit there is a genius and why should I be modest?

From someone's pocket came a roll of bandage. One boot was taken off and with the skill of an expert the art of first aid was duly demonstrated. With a daub of this and a daub of that, maybe, "ketchup or vin blanc" the patient really did look to be in tough shape. An improvised stretcher was then made. One soldier on each side with the victim clinging tightly to their necks. The procession back to camp started.

Naturally, we were halted by the efficient guards. Liars? I never heard anything like it in my life. According to the boys the poor victim had been stepped on by a Frenchman's horse and had suffered a badly crushed foot. The good Samaritans were merely rushing the patient to the camp doctor. Therefore, the boys were allowed to pass without further search. No kidding, it looked like a funeral procession as the mourners were marching on behind with the other boot.

After proceeding out of sight of the guards the patient was laid down for a rest. From out of the spare boot came bottles and as we walked merrily along it was just one drink after another. The following morning I woke on the old bunk in full dress, minus one boot. Listen fellows, I didn't mind the big head, but please tell me, especially, one of you from Lawrence, what happened to my other boot? Did I eat it that night or have I had gall stones for 23 years?

—HINKY DINKY.

NOSEY NEWS NOTES

HARRY W. BUGBEE, Nat. Historian, has been appointed to the State Comm., in charge of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Vermont's entry into the Union as the fourteenth state. He has also been placed on the sub-comm. on Literature.

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We will donate a large beer, to be presented during the Nat. Convention, to the comrade who tips us off to the identity of the chap from Providence Chapter who sends in stuff with the signature "Hinky Dinky." That boy can write but who in hell is he so we can tell him?

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Well, nine men read the Quiz column last issue because they wrote to have it retained. And a cheer for Comrade C. E. Ross of Springfield Chapter who informed us that General EDWARD's middle name was "Ransom" and he's absolutely right.

Ralph Eastman Says, "This Tie Will Bind"

Here's a suggestion to outfits having "namesake" companies at Camp Edwards and who want to show them that the old original YD men are behind the boys of the new YD and are thinking of them at camp.

It's an idea that can be carried out at moderate expense, and judging by the reaction in the case where it was put through, it will make a real hit and go a long way towards letting the boys down there know we old-timers are proud of the way they are carrying on the spirit and traditions of the old YD.

The thought is this—each company, we understand, has a recreation room, so why not subscribe for a year to TIME and LIFE magazines for your "namesake" company's room? Other magazines could be selected, but we happened to pick TIME and LIFE because we felt that not only would they be popular with the men, but they would have a real value to them in helping them keep in touch with what is going on in the world outside. We provided binders for the magazines and had them lettered in gold as follows:

To: The Officers and Men of
Company "E" 101st Engineers
Yankee Division

From: The Veterans of
Company "E" 101st U. S. Engineers
Yankee Division
A. E. F.

The cost of a year of TIME is $5.00 and a year of LIFE $4.50. The binder for TIME comes to $1.00 and the binder for LIFE $1.25, making a total of $11.75 plus a charge of 25c a line for lettering in gold any inscription you would like to put on the binders.

If any of the other outfits like this idea, arrangements can be made to duplicate it by writing to F. D. Pratt, TIME Inc., Time and Life Building, Rockefeller Center, New York.

—RALPH M. EASTMAN.

MAY DOINGS COPY

Must be in by April 28th. No excuses for late copy as Convention Issue will be out the last of May.

BURSTS!

If you have a good one—send it in.

The hotel seemed very stuffy to the traveling man. In vain he tried to sleep. Before getting into bed, he had endeavored to open the windows but found them all sealed. He tossed and turned until, at last, in desperation he got out of bed, wrapped a towel 'round his hand and smashed a window. Then he breathed deeply, got back into bed and fell into a deep and refreshing sleep.

Next morning he had to pay $2.00 for smashing the mirror above the bureau.

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At the dinner of the Eastern Massachusetts Recreation Council, Rev. Michael J. Ahern, S.J., said that St. Peter and St. Paul were playing golf on a Heavenly course.

St. Peter, teeing off first, made a hole in one.

St. Paul took his turn. He too made a hole in one.

Both marked down their scores and headed for the green.

"Now Paul," said St. Peter, "let's cut out the miracles and get down to business."

— Boston Globe.

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Add to sources of wit and humor the New Hampshire Board of Health publication which reports this conversation:

"Sorry, madam, but licenses are issued only when your form is filled out properly."

"Why I like your nerve, sir. We can get married no matter what we look like."

— Concord Monitor.

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Speaker (desirous of raising money) — All who will give $10 stand up.

(Aside to musician) — Play "The Star Spangled Banner."

OUR NATIONAL COMMANDER SAYS –

An Open Letter to All Chapter Comm.

Dear Commander:

The race for the PHILIP N. SANBORN Trophy is still on.

For your information, *all new* members, (i.e., one who was *not* a member during the year ending March 31st, 1941) will count in the final standing of your chapter.

The race will end on May 31st, giving National Headquarters four (4) days to check the standings. (Have your secretary keep a record also.)

Get your membership teams *working*, dig up those *old delinquents*, and let's all work for a *bigger* and *better* YDVA.

And, don't forget to come to Manchester, N. H., June 5, 6, 7 and 8 for the presentation of the Trophy.

Yours in Comradeship,

AUSTIN F. APPLEBY
National Commander YDVA.

HARTFORD LEADS
In Sanborn Trophy Race

Standing of Chapters in the running for the Philip N. Sanborn Trophy.

	Mar. 1	Apr. 1	Gain
Hartford	233	235	2
Lynn	220	224	4
Providence	172	174	2
New York	198	203	5
Worcester	113	113	0
Apremont	109	111	2

THANKS

Thanks a lot to all who have written in recently commending our efforts. These items have been cut from chapter letters to save space for chapter news, but we appreciate the thoughts expressed a great deal.

The general opinion seems to approve the use of color on the front cover, retention of the Quiz Column and APO notes. We need more advertisers to cover these however. Will YOU help please?—*The Editor.*

National Commander's Report On Visitations

Feb. 1—Harold J. Smith Dinner (Nat. Judge Advocate)
Feb. 2—Worcester (Mass. State Meeting)
Feb. 8—Hartford (National Executive Meeting 4 P. M.)
Feb. 8—Hartford Chapter Annual Dinner.
Feb. 9—Middletown (Conn. State meeting)
Feb. 20—Providence, R. I. (Chapter meeting)
Feb. 23—Portland (Maine Department meeting)
Feb. 25—New York (Installation and Banquet)
March 2—Nashua (N. H. State Meeting)
March 5—Willimantic (Farewell Dinner to Co. L)
March 11—New Bedford Installation and banquet
March 20—Boston Smoker (Pictures)
March 22—A.M. Represented Y. D. V. A at Mayor's Breakfast to Nat. Com. Warner, A. L.
March 22—Noon, Represented Y. D. V. A. at Governor's luncheon to Nat. Com. Warner, A. L.
March 22—P. M. Lowell, Installation and banquet.
March 25—Fitchburg (Past Commanders night)
March 26—Attended services for Commander E. Ricard, Lowell.
March 28—Salem (Installation)
March 29—Manchester, N. H. (National Executive Meeting) and Convention Com.

AUSTIN F. APPLEBY
National Commander YDVA.
March 31, 1941.

Omitted Last Month from List of Former YD Men at Camp Edwards

Major William McGarry, 104th Inf.
Captain Marcel Ledouceur, 104th Inf.
Captain Harry Brown, 182nd Inf. (Reg. Adj.)
Promotions since last issue:
Lieut. John Petty to Captain.

Bridegroom — "What an enormous pie, dear! It looks like a football."

Bride — "Well, it's the smallest pumpkin I could find."

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

Standing of Chapters

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Cumberland County	17
Farmington	18
Lewiston	31
Waterville	49
At Large	39
	154

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Concord	13
Franklin	11
Keene	42
Manchester	82
Nashua	80
Rochester	24
Triangle	15
At Large	19
	286

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Brattleboro	33
Montpelier-Barre	30
Rutland	30
St. Albans	21
At Large	9
	123

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Beverly	44
Boston	662
Brockton	13
Concord	61
Danvers	25
Fitchburg	107
Foxborough	13
Gardner	19
Haverhill	35
Holyoke	12
Lowell	63
Lynn	224
Marlborough	39
Milford	34
New Bedford	51
Reading	49
Salem	41
Springfield	69
Webster-Dudley	13
Worcester	113
At Large	71
	1787

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Apremont	111
Kent County	45
Providence	174
At Large	1
	331

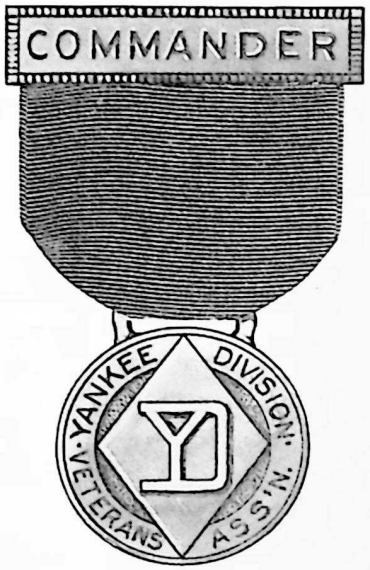
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Bridgeport	39
Bristol	93
Hartford	235
Manchester	55
Meriden	30
Middletown	11
New Britain	72
New Haven	95
New London	37
Norwalk	20
Stamford	44
Terryville	16
Torrington	31
Valley	40
Wallingford	13
Waterbury	20
Willimantic	64
At Large	3
	926

DEPARTMENT OF UNITED STATES

Chicago	25
Cleveland	60
Denver	13
Detroit	24
Los Angeles	19
New York	203
Philadelphia	14
Washington	37
Life Members	38
At Large	120

GRAND TOTAL 4160



FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS

We are now ready to furnish all Chapters with a complete set of Officer's medals to wear during meetings. Namely COMMANDER, VICE COMMANDERS, SECRETARY, TREASURER, CHAPLAIN, JUDGE ADVOCATE, SERVICE OFFICER. The price for each medal is $1.00 with bar on ribbon denoting office. Order from Sales Dept.

Tragedy Hits Lowell Chapter

Lowell Chapter installed their new officers for the year on Saturday evening, March 22. Less than 48 hours later the new Commander, EUGENE G. RICARD, had closed his eyes for the last time. It came like a bolt from the blue and the sympathy of the entire YDVA goes to his family, his pals in the chapter, and his hundreds of friends.

FRONT COVER PICTURE

Remember Dead Man's Curve at Beaumont? You ought to. It's only twenty-three years ago. This shows old Battery A of the 102nd Field Artillery in a dug-out that our new army would turn their nose up at . The picture was made during a lull on April 30, 1918, but most of the time Jerry was throwing them in every other minute.

The next Connecticut State Meeting will be at American Legion Home, Cottage St., Groton, with New London Chapter as host, on Sunday, April 20th.

QUIZ BOX

1. What is the largest U.S. Naval Base?
2. What nation was in the first World War the shortest time?
3. Are all West Pointers commissioned second lieutenants at graduation?
4. What King is on Uncle Sam's payroll?
5. Does Uncle Sam have any female letter carriers?
6. How long is a standard size cigarette?
7. Who is our present ambassador to Great Britain?
8. Will the Panama Canal take any ship afloat?
9. What's the annual salary of the N. C. of the Am. Legion?
10. How does the U.S. Army perform executions?

Co. C, 103rd Machine Gun Veterans Ass'n. Providence, R. I.

The regular monthly meeting of Co. C. Veterans Association was held at Butler's Diner in Pawtucket, R. I. A good old chicken pie with all the fixings was served to the members and their "wives", who had attended their first installation of officers for the coming year.

The new officers are as follows: Commander, ROBERT ELEY; Senior Vice Commander, ROY SIMPSON; Junior Vice Commander, ARTHUR HANSON; Secretary, JAMES THOMAS; Chaplain, CLIFFORD HIGGINS.

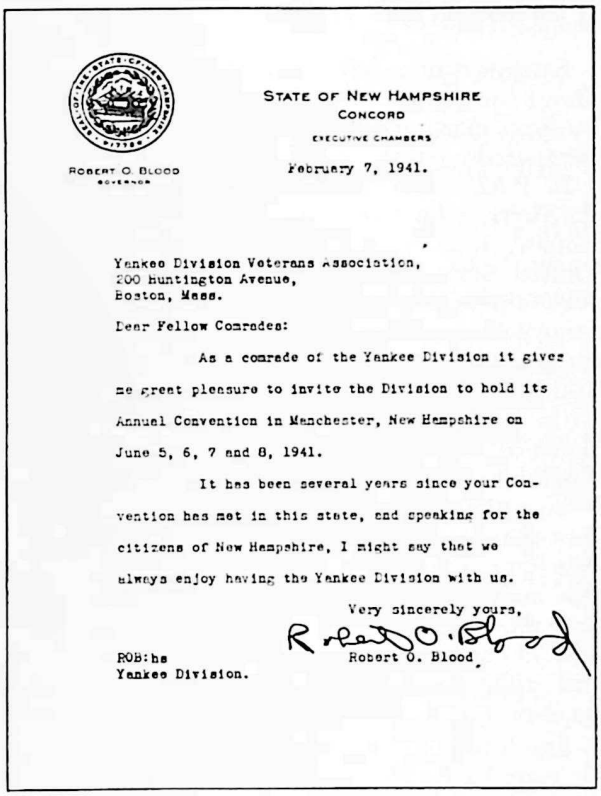
And by the way another Co C. man makes the head-lines. Our new State Commander YD Vets, ROBERT MURRAY; Company C. is pulling for him, a very good man. Co. C. will be well represented at Manchester, N. H.

ANSWERS

1. Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
2. Honduras. 3 mos., 21 days.
3. Yes, unless they are Filipinos or foreigners.
4. Sultan of Sulu.
5. Yes. About 250 in the sticks.
6. 2¾ inches.
7. John C. Winant.
8. All but the *Normandie* and *Queen Mary*.
9. $10,000 salary, plus $10,000 for expenses.
10. By hanging. Firing squads have not been used since 1870.

NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS
"Hi-Ho Buddies"

GOV. ROBERT O. BLOOD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Capt. Div. Hdqtrs.
DSC, Groix de Guerre, Div. Citation



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
CONCORD
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

ROBERT O. BLOOD
GOVERNOR

February 7, 1941.

Yankee Division Veterans Association,
200 Huntington Avenue,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Fellow Comrades:

As a comrade of the Yankee Division it gives me great pleasure to invite the Division to hold its Annual Convention in Manchester, New Hampshire on June 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1941.

It has been several years since your Convention has met in this state, and speaking for the citizens of New Hampshire, I might say that we always enjoy having the Yankee Division with us.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert O. Blood

ROB:hs
Yankee Division.

The Convention Committee, who are working day and night to complete final arrangements for your pleasure on June 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1941 at Manchester, N. H., serves notice that all those planning to attend the Convention should register right away. Also that, in order to make hotel reservations the registration fee must be in our hands. Several fellows have sent in their hotel reservations without their registration fees and we hold strictly to this rule.

Be sure to be with us on the opening day. All those who register will have tickets for the buffet lunch on Thursday also the outdoor entertainment to be held at Textile Park starting at 9.00 P.M. The Committee, under EUSTIS PERRON, have gone beyond expectations in bringing about an entertainment composed of personnel you can not afford to miss. You say what is it? That is our surprise to you. Don't miss it!

All the Brass Hats and Dignitaries will be there but for once not one of them will have a chance to orate.

After an hour or so of sleep the bugle will blow for Friday activities. After the meeting in the morning there will be a stag party for all who register under leadership of FRANCIS HAYES. He will give you all plenty to talk about and I don't mean women as this affair is along the idea of the chow line.

Get the gang together and plan a Chapter group or as individuals think up original costumes to wear in the costume parade Friday night at 6.30 P.M. Prizes for the most original and funniest in groups or as individuals. Just keep the ideas clean. Enter into the fun for everybody and offend no one. This affair will be completed in plenty of time for the colorful Convention Ball to be held at the 172nd Field Artillery Armory. The committee under the leadership of ARMAND MONTMINY has contracted with Zaza Ludwig's Orchestra to furnish music which is just what the doctor ordered for veterans, their wives, families and friends and who will keep stepping from 9.00 P.M. to 2.00 A.M.

This Convention Ball will attract a large attendance headed by our comrade and present Governor of this State, ROBERT O. BLOOD, who will be there in person with his staff. Don't miss the Ball!

Saturday is a full day, from early to late. Don't forget to set the alarm clock to attend the business meeting at 9.00 A.M. This is necessary because the parade will be run off promptly at 1.00 P.M. under the chairmanship of WALTER B. SMITH who has been very fortunate in arranging with Brigadier-General Charles Bowen, United States Army and Adjutant-General of New Hampshire, to act as Chief Marshal. If your Chapter is planning to bring their own musical unit, be sure to advise WALTER B. SMITH, 102 West Merrimack Street, Manchester, N. H. so he will not overload a group with music. Some of the best bands and drum corps in New England and New York will be present. There is no question but what this parade will surpass any that the City of Manchester has ever seen. We hope that all Chapters will have a full turnout as it is most important to show the public and the world that the old 26th Division is solidly in back of National Defense and as a group can still give a good account of themselves such as they did in 1917 and 1918.

Don't forget if you have a drum corps or band in your locality, interest them in the contest to be held immediately after the parade with suitable prizes.

What are the regiments, companies and batteries doing towards reunions at this Convention. The only one we have heard about is the 103rd Infantry. EUGENE DUGAS and GEORGE WINGATE have the ball rolling on that party. How about the other Infantry, the Engineers, the Artillery, the Ammunition Train and, last but not least, the Sanitary Train? If the fellow in charge needs any help as to place, etc., the Chairman of the Reunion Committee, JOHN GRADY, will be at your service but it is time to get the ball rolling.

Don't forget if your wife registers at the Convention, she will receive a book of tickets for all of the functions and also be entitled to the Saturday night party for the ladies which is being put under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Helen Beauchesne and I have been assured that an enjoyable evening will be spent by the ladies.

By the time you receive this "YANKEE DOINGS" it will be very close to the middle of April. You have exactly two weeks, no more, in which to take advantage of the reduced registrations. Don't delay further! Mail your registrations in promptly to EUGENE DUGAS, 72 Elm Street, Manchester, N. H. We are planning one of the best Conventions but to make it a success we need all YD men to come to our City to take part. Here's hoping that we see you in Manchester on June 5, 6, 7 and 8 at the Convention.

Connecticut Department Wins Five Year Battle

Enemy guns were put out of action and the Dept. of Conn. took the position a few days ago in the hard battle that has been waged to erect a suitable memorial to "Daddy" Edwards. We can thank the Hon. Robert A. Hurley, himself a veteran, for winning this fight.

After much delay Governor Cross finally named a Memorial Committee, P. N. C. LEN MALONEY, Col. MICHAEL A. CONNOR, Col. JAMES L. HOWARD and Major STILLMAN WESTBROOK, all YD men, and Prof. Robert Eberhard of the Yale School of Fine Arts. LEN MALONEY was chairman.

A capitol grounds site was chosen, a design was approved and $40,000 was requested of the 1939 Legislature, but economy was the order of the day and things bogged down.

Governor Hurley has cut red tape, taken $6,000 to provide for the statue part, the rest to come later. We're grateful too for the aid of Rep. Stanley Gosinski and State Senator Claude Mills.

How do ya think we're doing in Connecticut, fellows?

— LEN MALONEY.

"Auntie, were you ever proposed to?"

"Once, dear, a gentleman asked me to marry him over the telephone, but he had the wrong number." — Stray Stories.

"The bullet struck my head and went careening into space."

"Well, you're frank about it, I must say."

— *Answers.*

Gen. Haggerty Memorial

New Haven Chapter Honors General "Jim"

A bronze plaque, a relief portrait of the late Brigadier General JAMES A. HAGGERTY, was dedicated by New Haven Chapter, YDVA, in the Goffe Street Armory, New Haven, on March 2nd. The General is shown in his uniform as the first commander of New Haven Chapter.

SOMETHING COOKING AT FOXBORO

FRED KNIGHT of Framingham who as cook for C company, 103rd Infantry invented the famous A.E.F. "burlap pudding," showed the boys that others besides Italians know the secret of good meat cakes and spaghetti at the meeting of the Foxboro Chapter on April 1.

Although the turnout was smaller than hoped for the meeting went down as a big success principally because of Fred's culinary efforts which were of a high order. The Foxboro Chapter hold their meetings in the camp of the Foxboro Fish and Game Association on the shores of Neponset Pond, an ideal spot if there ever was one, and membership in the chapter also entitles the boys to membership in the club and the right to use the boats by the payment of a $1 a year extra. Since a number are disciples of the late lamented Izaac Walton, everyone is longing for the opening of the pickerel season. The next meeting will be on May 6. Members attending the meeting were WINTHROP N. LAUF, ALBERT O. KNOX, MYRON PEABODY, FRED KNIGHT and WARREN CARBERG. Commander JOE DEAN was absent because of official business in Boston.

— WARREN CARBERG.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Austin F. Appleby, 333 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
Nat. Secretary Pro-tem.: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Hazen O. Hagar, 28 Maine Ave., Portland, Maine
Dep't. Secretary: Elton P. Walker, 94 Beckett St., Portland, Maine

Augusta meeting was postponed due to the fact that the committee in charge were unable to make arrangements with the Hotel North that were acceptable to the State Department in time to send out the notices. Plans are going forward to have the next State Department meeting in Augusta, Sunday, April 27. Notices of this meeting will be sent to all paid up members.

JOSEPH HARVEY was elected State Senator from York County to Augusta, Maine and the State is now safe once more. He is doing a very fine job and has placed a lot of good motions before the House.

Comrade E. P. WALKER has presented a Traveling Gavel to the State Department of Maine. The Department extends its thanks to E. P.

Comrade ROOCH we are told had his teeth out to dodge the draft.

The State Department would like to know what has become of news from the following Chapters: Waterville, Farmington, Lewiston, Portland. Where are you? What kept you?

—E. P. WALKER.

WATERVILLE

Commander: Alfred Poirier
13 Western Ave., Waterville, Me.
Secretary: Arthur C. Sprague
72½ Western Ave., Waterville, Me.

Waterville Chapter paid FREDDIE POIRIER the compliment of returning him as chapter president for another year and boy, when he tried to talk himself out of it, they wouldn't even listen. We had a good meeting with 17 present. Two comrades, CLOVIS JOSEPH and HAROLD FAIRBANKS, who couldn't be present, sent in their votes and both were for Fred.

The officers for 1941:

Commander, FRED POIRIER; vice commander PETER DIAMBRI; secretary, JAMES E. MCMAHON; treasurer, ISAIAH DIONNE; historian, DANIEL DEROCH; advisory committee, EDWARD P. TARDIFF, THOMAS GHORGE, and LANNAS BOYD.

The chapter accepted two new members, ALMON MESERVEY and JOE BUTEAU, both of the 103rd infantry. And the dues came in fast, nine membership cards were distributed, and in all, at this writing 18 have paid and the money has been forwarded to Boston. Whoever leads Maine in membership this year, will have to trim Waterville.

HAROLD FAIRBANKS is confined to his home by illness. FRANCIS MONAHAN of Oakland has returned home from Togus where he has been receiving treatment. JOHN CLYDE MURRAY is working at Kittery. PHILIP S. (Pop) JONES is going back on the farm. On May 1, he quits his job as steward at the Waterville Legion Home, a post he has filled for the past ten years. He goes to Northport on the Coast near Belfast and any YD buddies are sure to get a warm welcome from Pop if they visit that town. That goes especially for the 101st Stove Funnel outfit. I'm afraid the Legion Home won't seem the same without Pop. We've got over $75 in our chapter treasury. We got it because Pop wouldn't let us spend any of it after he got his fingers on it.

The Chapter is going to run some kind of a dance in May. It's either going to be a big name band in our biggest hall or a semi-formal affair at the Crescent. We'll send a special invitation to Doc, GUY and the COWBOY if it's the latter, and perhaps they will stay all night this time.

—JIM MCMAHON.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: William J. McNulty, 6 High St., Nashua, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Edward S. LeBlanc, 59 Temple St., Nashua, N. H.

STATE MEETING — NASHUA

NASHUA

Commander: Alphonse Tanguay
Milford Road, Nashua, N. H.
Secretary: Hector J. Pontbriand
11 Nevada St., Nashua, N. H.

We held our Y.D.V.A. State Meeting in the V.F.W. Home in Nashua on March 2, with a 100% representation of Chapters on hand.

Comrade TAYLOR of the Convention corporation was present and spoke on the progress being made by the committee and stressed the point that the members be prompt in getting their advanced registration thereby relieving the Convention committee of a big headache.

Appointments made by Dept. Commander MCNULTY at this meeting:

Representing the Dept. of N. H. on the National Nominating Committee, Comrade WALTER BOARDMAN, Manchester Chapter.

Nominating Committee for Dept. officers for the year 1941-42, Comrade ELIOT A. CARTER, Chairman, Nashua Chapter.

Comrade CARTER donated to the Dept. a book of verses on "Hinky Dinky Parlez Vous," this book was raffled off and the sum of $10.10 was collected, this sum of money was turned over to Chairman NORMAN SPENCER, chairman of the Hospital Fund. Comrade CARTER was given a rising vote of thanks.

On the Roll Call of Chapters: Manchester, 5 present; Triangle, 2; Rochester, 4; Nashua, 39; Keene, 5; Franklin, 1; Concord, 1.

Major LESLIE BUCHANON represented Franklin Chapter and HENRY CHENEY, Concord Chapter.

Under the good of the YDVA, Commander MCNULTY called on Nat. Commander APPLEBY, Nat. Sgt. of Arms JAMES "Cowboy" SULLIVAN, ERROLL EMERY, Board of Governors, and DIAMOND NADEAU, who has just visited the West Coast and attended YD meetings while there.

— EDWARD S. LEBLANC.

Note: Secretary talking to himself —

I think that we will have to call on the F.B.I. Reason: Well I'll tell you, the book that was donated by ELIOT CARTER and was won by Dept. Sgt. of Arms MIKE ZALUKI of the Keene Chapter, but "tout suite" it disappeared, wonder if Cowboy Jim could do a little "dictective" work on the side and discover its whereabouts?

Things I never knew till now:

That Cowboy Jim was the only Buck Private in the YDVA.

That he also holds an Honorary Title in the YDVA that of Court Jester.

That JIM (Nat. Sgt. of Arms SULLIVAN) when he was very young underwent a serious operation. Won't you tell the boys about Grandpa's Hinge sometime, Jim?

That the proper way to address the Commander is, "Comrade Dept. Commander" and not "Worthy Commander," etc., etc., and the proper salute if used is the right hand salute and not that of the Elks, Eagles or Moose. If I am wrong let me know at once.

After the meeting a hot supper was served with refreshments with Commander TANGUAY in charge, and after supper, community singing was enjoyed by the Gang, headed by Cowboy Jim with DIAMOND NADEAU playing second base, also out in right field. See you all in Rochester, April 6th.

— E. S. L.

MANCHESTER

Commander: John J. Taylor
30 Pleasant St., Derry, N. H.
Secretary: Raymond J. Beauchesne
P. O. Box No. 217, Manchester, N. H.

The chief topic of conversation here is our coming convention in June. Things are moving along quite rapidly and a lot has been accomplished to date. We have a large committee and hope to make this the best convention ever.

At our last meeting, March 12th, we held election of officers and installation at the same time. The retiring commander, JOHN DUNLAP, has done a great job the past year and the club will have to step right along to keep pace with his good work. Commander DUNLAP gave one of the finest yearly reports we have had by any commander and it was received with loud applause by the members.

The following is a list of the new officers: JOHN TAYLOR, Commander; ARCHIE VIGNEAULT, Sen. Vice Commander; EDWARD ST. JEAN, Jr. Vice Commander, RAYMOND J. BEAUCHESNE, Secretary; ARTHUR CARD, Treasurer; ARTHUR

GILMORE, Sergeant at Arms; JOHN W. DUNLAP, Trustee for three years.

We had very interesting talks by State Commander MCNULTY and Past National Commander MILLER, who gave us a pep talk on making membership attractive to prospective members. We hope to double our membership this coming year.

Our new Commander, JOHN TAYLOR, seems to be full of pep and will keep everybody on their toes.

An interesting report and also something to be quite thankful for was the fact that no members were reported sick for the past month.

At the last meeting we had seventy-eight members paid up in the group, but since then a half dozen new ones have paid their dues which is making good progress.

A very fine Swedish meat ball supper was served by some of our talented members, and this was greatly enjoyed by everyone. It certainly seems that something of this type is what is needed to bring the boys to the meetings.

— RAYMOND J. BEAUCHESNE,

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: Raymond E. Collins, 101 Grove St., Rutland, Vt.
Dep't. Secretary: Joseph G. Abair, 8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.

STATE DEPARTMENT

March 13, I attended the Millionaires' Party of Rutland County Chapter at Manchester, Vt. "Al" ROBERTS was the master of ceremonies. I had the pleasure of riding to Manchester with an old buddy of mine, CHARLES L. DUKE, who now lives there. So we had the opportunity to talk over the old days. "Charlie" was a former member of F. Co., 101st Amm. Train, we went direct to "Al's" camp and what a joint. Electric light, telephone and a cobblestone fireplace with the latest system of heating. When we arrived Al's young daughter was arranging the tables, it was a real St. Patrick's feed, her older brother was looking after the fire in the fireplace, the other boy did not show up, he must of been busy at home. It would do you good to see how these youngsters went about their work. When Al and DAN BLACKMER showed up all they had to do was serve. He has what a fellow would call a real American family and his wife must be a wonderful mother.

The sad part of the party was that Al's father dropped dead a few weeks ago, and he had planned to attend.

Fred Reed, the village barber, was the honored guest; a real fisherman. Fred cut the hair of the boys ever since they were so high. He said that he knew that they would make good soldiers as they were full of H - ll when they were young.

Boy, oh boy, what a feed! We could not begin to eat all the food that was before us.

The sunset was one of the most beautiful that I ever had seen. No wonder the millionaires live in Manchester in the summer.

In behalf of the State Department of Vermont I extend heartfelt sympathy to Raymond J. Maun's mother, wife, and three daughters. If I am not mistaken he is the brother of Gordon F. Maun who was killed in action July 18, 1918. "Jimmie" was wounded on July 22, 1918.

Mrs. Maun has lost two sons due to World War No. 1. We, of the YD, can truthfully say that you can be justly proud of both Gordon and Raymond, as they were good soldiers and also real pals.

Next month I will try and get the roster of the old YD that are now members of another New England Division, the 43rd.

Washington County Chapter are holding their March meeting in Morrisville, Vt. We are to meet with the Lamoille County buddies and our guest will be "Jim" Kelly who we fellows claim was the best YMCA worker in the A.E.F. Willis Mould is chairman of this party and from what I have heard we are to have a good time.

BILL CUDWORTH, our Dept. Commander, would like to have the State Department meet with Brattleboro Chapter on Sunday, April 20th, 1941, at 2.30 P. M. Yes, there will be a feed and the YD ladies are to do the honors and I will guarantee a real feed. Let's give Bill a good start as this is his first meeting.

Things are on the up and up. Have heard from St. Albans, Brattleboro who are planning on having a meeting in Bennington, so now we would like to hear from Newport. What do you say "Abe" ARKIN and "Polly" MAYO? When do we go to Newport?

To all you checker players take notice! WAL-

TER "Red" HALL of Rutland Chapter, challenges any YD man to a game or series of games to be played at Manchester, N. H., at our National Convention. "Red" says that whoever challenges him must be sober or he will not waste his time. Send all challenges to JOSEPH G. ABAIR. "Red" appointed me as his manager.

— JOSEPH G. ABAIR,
Dept. Secretary.

BRATTLEBORO
Commander: John W. Blake
169 So. Main St., Brattleboro, Vt.
Secretary: Howard A. Thayer
16 Spruce St., Brattleboro, Vt.

An executive board meeting of the Brattleboro Chapter was held on Wednesday evening, March 26. The purpose of the meeting was to make preparations for the State Department meeting which is to be held in Brattleboro, Sunday, April 20th, at 2.30 P. M. Plans are rapidly shaping up and a pleasant time is guaranteed to all.

The installation of Brattleboro Chapter officers will also take place on this date.

The members of the Brattleboro Chapter at this time extend a cordial invitation to all members of the State and surrounding States to be present at this meeting. Bring the family with you.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

The following officers were nominated at our meeting on Mar. 13, and will be installed as before stated.

The list of officers are Commander, LEON BARNES; First Vice Commander, LYMAN BARRETT; Sec. Vice Com., HOWARD A. THAYER; Secretary, NICHOLAS SCHULTZ; Treasurer, GEO. WILLARD; Chaplain, ARTHUR BARNARD; Sgt.-at-Arms, WILLIAM GILSON; Historian, HAROLD BASTIAN; Service Officer, FRED HEAP.

— HOWARD A. THAYER, Sec.

MONTPELIER-BARRE
"Washington County Chapter"
Commander: Joseph G. Abair
8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.
Secretary: Ralph A. Lawliss
51 Elm St., Barre, Vt.

We had our meeting at Morrisville, Vt., Hotel Randell, Friday, March 28th, and invited the Lamoille County YD men to attend with us. We signed up nine men and they are going to go out and get more, so they can have a chapter and are meeting next Friday night to form same. Am writing them so that I can inform you of their officers. This list will be in the next issue of DOINGS. Now don't you think I did a good job, when you can go out and sign up every man that attended the meeting, and start the works to form a chapter all in one evening. LOUIS DELANO is chairman and a good worker.

James "Jim" Kelly, a YMCA worker, that was attached to our division while we were in France, is one of the best boosters for YD and a live wire; he is one of the best liked men in the county. I do not know if he can be a member or not, if he can, I want him, if he cannot he would like to subscribe to YANKEE DOINGS. So let me know just the thing to do with Mr. Kelly. You talk of hospitality here is one fellow that knows how to hand it out. If we want the town we can have it, he is a real fellow. Mr. Kelly I should say is about sixty-five, and can make some of us oldtimers sit up.

Here is a good one, ERNEST LAFAYETTE said that he bets that he was the only one to have sugar in his coffee most of the time we were in France. This is what he did, he washed out a sock of his and every time he was on K.P. duty he filled the sock up, now what do you think of that for Vermont thrift.

AMBROSE MCMANUS, Co. D, 103rd M.G., did not sign up last year, but the other night he signed up for this next year. He lives in Moretown, Vt., which is out in the country, but generally shows up no matter the weather. He is a former Morrisville boy and has been telling the boys of that town about YD for some years back.

New officers were nominated as follows: Commander, WILLIS MOULD of Barre; senior vice-commander, ERNEST LAFAYETTE of Barre; junior vice-commander, JAMES F. MAYETTE of Montpelier; secretary, RALPH LAWLISS of Barre; treasurer, JOSEPH G. ABAIR of Montpelier; chaplain, CARROLL FOSTER of Montpelier; sergeant-at-arms, ARTHUR FARRAR of Barre.

— JOSEPH G. ABAIR.

ST. ALBANS
Commander: C. L. Locklin
Secretary: Donald Cullen

Flash! Hold everything, just heard from Franklin County Chapter, St. Albans, Vt.

To our buddies the Machine Gunners of the 101st and 103rd M.G., am listing the officers of this chapter for the past year.

Commander, C. L. Locklin, Co. C, 103rd M.G.; Sr. Vice-Comm., Arthur Rogerson, Co. B, 103rd M.G.; Jr. Vice-Comm., A. E. Spaulding, F Co., 101st Amm. Train; Secretary, Donald Cullen; Treasurer, C. E. Shannon, Co. D, 101st M.G.; Chaplain, Arthur Worthington, Co. E, 101st Amm. Train; Sgt.-at-Arms, John W. Daly, Co. A and B, 103rd M.G.; Color Bearer, Sid Weston, Co. G, Amm. Train; Historian, C. E. Pell, Hqts. Co., 101st Amm. Train.

Trustees — Harris Alexander, 104th Field Hospital; Carni Cummings, Co. B, 103rd M.G.; Robert Ostrooski, Co. B, 103rd M.G.; Basil Hodlock, Co. E, 103rd Inf.; Donald Marchia, Co. E, 103rd Inf.; Lenard Beniot, Co. D, 103rd M.G.; Roy Roberts, Co. D, 103rd M.G.; Lyndon Cowen, Co. D, 101st M.G.; Walter Bell, Co. B, 103rd M.G.

These officers served during the past year and a new set must be elected. The next meeting will be held at the Amer. Legion Rooms, Main St., St. Albans, Vt., at 7.30 P. M., Thursday, April 17th. A buffet lunch will be served. So to all YD here is your opportunity to meet the gang once more.

We were sorry to hear that Lt. Col. Charles E. Pell did not go with the boys to Florida. He had been a member of the Vermont National Guard for thirty odd years. And has been under the weather for some time. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

You will hear more from Franklin County Chapter. Most of us are railroad men and are away from home, and it is difficult to take care of all the duties that a Commander has to do. It has been a pleasure to serve you as commander and I want to thank the National Officers, state and local for the cooperation they have given me this year.

— C. L. Locklin,
Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Randolph Darling, 124 Walcott St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Wm. Monte, Arnold's Neck, Warwick, R. I.

STATE MEETING — PAWTUCKET

Rhode Island State Dept. meeting was held at Tip Top Gardens, Pawtucket. Apremont Chapter was the host. Commander Randolph Darling presided. 75 guests and members present. Rhode Island Dept. regrets we were compelled to change the date of State meeting because our comrades from Conn. State Dept. who came to R. I. on the 16th found no meeting until the 23rd. It won't happen again.

Chapter Commanders' reports very good. Rhode Island night at convention. Bridge and whist social. Annual Dept. Outing soon. Dinner dance Chateau Dreyfus, April 17. Annual smoker, Seicheprey celebration, April 18.

Election of State Dept. Officers held: Commander, Robert Murray, Providence Chapter; Senior Vice,, Joseph Bourget, Apremont Chapter; Junior Vice, William Geddes, Kent County Chapter; Chaplain, John Kelley, Providence Chapter; Secretary, William Monte, Kent County; Treasurer, John Moran, Apremont Chapter.

Member for National nominating committee, Joseph Bourget.

Other State Officers held open until May meeting. Attendance prizes were won by Mrs. John J. Kelly and Comrade Raymond Taylor.

A buffet lunch was served to the gathering.

Department nominating committee: Laurence Cook, Providence; James Girvan, Providence; John Mitchell, Providence; William Geddes, Kent County; James Dyson, Kent County; Ray Simpson, Kent County; Elliot Dann, Apremont; Ralph Dexter, Apremont; Henry Clark, Apremont.

Annual Outing Committee: Guy Kettredge, Providence; Dave Davidson, Providence; William McGrath, Providence; Oliver Lewis, Kent County; Carl Olson, Kent County; Henry Bacon, Kent County; John Moran, Apremont; William Clark, Apremont; Joseph Frechette, Apremont.

A Letter to R. I. Dept. Commander

Dear Comrade:

For the past several years, I have represented Providence Chapter, Y.D.V.A., in visiting those of its members who are confined, from time to time, as patients of the Veterans Administration, at the U. S. Naval Hospital here in Newport.

To be of some small service to these unfortunate lads has been an honor and a pleasure.

In recent issues of YANKEE DOINGS, I have noted that other comrades of Y.D.V.A., than those of Providence Chapter, have also been patients at this local facility.

Therefore, I wish, through you, to extend to any and all Y.D.V.A. comrades from Apremont Chapter, Kent County Chapter, as well as Providence Chapter, who may at some future time find themselves patients at Naval Hospital, the same service, in whatever manner I can help, in making their enforced visit here a little more easy and pleasant to take.

A penny postcard advising me that a comrade is at Newport Naval Hospital is all that I would ask for. I will do the rest; and would also be pleased to be of any special service, here, at any time.

Yours in YD,

— KENNETH R. DENNIS,

22-B Thurston Ave.
Newport, R. I. Tel.: 1701-W.

PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: Randolph Darling
124 Walcott St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Our regular February meeting was held on the 20th at American-British Hall, with eighteen members present and Commander RANDOLPH DARLING presiding.

On the sick list, Sr. Vice-Commander BOURGET stated that BILL TWEEDLEY was still at Rutland Hospital for observation.

Committee reports: AL SHABBOTT, chairman for the Raffle of membership, stated that all tickets should be in by March 20th, the night of the drawing, and that the returns so far indicated that we would start off the year with a good increase over last year.

Double Chairman SHABBOTT, also reporting on the Banquet and Dance, spoke on the necessity of advertising for the program, and the body then voted to give the Committee all discretionary power in this regard.

Sr. Vice-Commander BOURGET informed the members that the papers of incorporation had been received from the Secretary of State. This is a job that we have been waiting to see completed for a long time and the Chairman deserves credit for his finished work.

Sr. Vice Comm. BOURGET announced that a conference would be held with the Mayor in a few days on securing quarters for the Chapter.

An invitation was read from the Eire Society of R. I. asking that we take part in the parade on March 16th. It was voted that although we would not take part as a body we would cooperate in every way.

After the Secretary had read a letter from the Boys' State Conference, it was voted to have a Committee selected to choose another boy to attend this worthy conference during the Summer.

Commander DARLING announced that the nomination of officers for the coming year would be held at the next meeting on March 20th, with election being held on the night of April 10th.

It was voted to discharge the old By-laws Committee and have a new one appointed.

Comrade HERB MURRAY then asked that all members forward him any pictures of themselves for use in the Chapter scrap-book, which by the way has already become a very fine piece of work due to Herb's continuous effort.

Refreshments were served by Cliff Arnold from the Farms.

March meeting was held on the 20th at American-British Hall, Commander RANDOLPH DARLING called the session to order at 8.45 with forty-three comrades present, which sure was encouraging to any Skipper.

With the announcement by Chairman MORAN that the Colors' fund was to be closed with a balance due of $4.79, Comrade WALTER SHELDON came forward and paid the balance in full, for which he was given three cheers and then the Committee was given a rising vote of thanks.

The Commander then announced the new By-laws Committee as follows: WM. GARLICK, Chairman, WALTER JENKS and GEORGE MILLIGAN.

Chairman AL SHABBOTT then stated that as a result of the raffle that 67 renewals had been accounted for, which is 27 better than last year. Nice work, Al!

Nomination of officers: Commander, JOSEPH L. BOURGET; Sr. Vice Comm., ALBERT SHABBOTT; Jr. Vice Comm., JOSEPH FRECHETTE; Secretary, RALPH DEXTER; Treasurer, ALBERT PLANT; Chaplain, CHARLES HAYMAN; Sergeant-at-Arms, JOSEPH MULLARKEY and PHILIP J. FEELEY; Historian, HERBERT MURRAY; Trustees, 3

years, WALTER JENKS; 2 years, WM. HOUGHTON; 1 year, WM. DOOLEY.

Commander DARLING spoke of the Department meeting to be held March 23rd at Pawtucket, with Apremont as the host. The chief speaker was Eustace Perron of the Manchester, N. H. Convention Committee, with the latest dope on the plans for this coming June.

The members then voted to send paid-up membership cards to ROBERT HAIGH and JOSEPH LALIBERTE who are both patients in the hospital.

It was voted that FRANK SENIOR be made Chairman of the Horribles Committee and to pick his own gang to get steamed up plenty for old Manchester. The following were named: JAMES MACCALLUM, ERNEST COOK, JOSEPH L. BOURGET, HERBERT GRYLLS, JOSEPH GAGNER, WALTER JENKS and WM. TWEEDLEY.

The big feature of the evening was the drawing for the lucky number which proved to be No. 2439 — property of Robert Grant, Battery B, 103rd F.A., who can be found at The Industrial Trust Co., Pawtucket. The lucky man was richer by $25.00.

We wound up with a real Cliff Arnold feed.

— RAN DARLING.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: John J. Kelley
47 Arlington Ave., Cranston, R. I.
Secretary: Frank E. McCaffrey
40 Fountain St., Providence, R. I.

The March meeting of Providence Chapter was held at the Harrison Street Armory on the 20th with 57 members in attendance. RAY TAYLOR reported that his Ways and Means committee had completed its plans for the Seicheprey Smoker to be held in the Elks Auditorium in Providence on the night of April the 18th. 600 tickets have been circulated among the members and if past records are an indication, most of these will be used at the door on that night. This occasion is fast reaching the point where it is the most popular event of the Spring season and if any of you comrades from outside the State are in the vicinity that night you will find this Smoker just about the most enjoyable way of spending an evening. JOE LAFFEY reported that the membership has reached 176. BOB MURRAY reported the death of the mother of HOWARD HUNT, past Chapter secretary, and plans were made for a representation from the Chapter to attend the funeral services and to otherwise recognize the passing of such a splendid person. MIKE CRESCENZO reported that his Washington's Birthday party netted the Chapter a profit.

ED MARA, reporting the decision of the Nominating Committee, announced that the following comrades are the choice of the Committee to be voted upon at the April meeting:

Commander, RAY TAYLOR; Sr. Vice, BOB MURRAY; Jr. Vice, MIKE CRESCENZO; Treasurer, WALTER VICKERY; Secretary, FRANK MCCAFFREY; Chaplain, FRED HOLGATE; Trustees, BILL THOMSON and JIM GIRVAN; Historian, HARRY HANSON; Judge Adv., ED MARA; Sgt. at Arms, CLIFF HIGGINS.

A communication was read from the Department of Rhode Island, The American Legion announcing the 1941 Little Rhode Boys' State and asking the Chapter to sponsor a boy to the Camp again this year. A committee consisting of HAROLD DOWNEY, FRANK MCCORMICK and HOWARD HOPKINS was authorized to proceed with the selection of a son of a member of the Chapter who is otherwise eligible and to report its selection at a future meeting.

A committee consisting of GUY KITTREDGE, ARTHUR DARCY, ED HIRD and TOMMY REDFERN was authorized to investigate the procurement of a stand of colors for the Chapter. Owing to the availability of colors belonging to YD Post No. 272 of the VFW and YD Post No. 26 of the Legion, the Chapter has in the past not felt the necessity of a stand of its own but it now appears that the membership desires its own colors and since the Chapter is financially able to procure them for the first time, a committee is authorized to draw up specifications and secure estimates.

The membership "Kitty" at this meeting contained $50.74. JOE LAFFEY announced the rules for the evening would be, in the event the first name drawn was absent, the drawing would continue until two $5.00 awards had been made, after which the remainder would be returned to the "Kitty" until the April meeting. Well, to make a long story short, it required fourteen drawings before the two fins were won. HORACE THAYER was the first and BILL SEFTON the second. Bill's an insistent so-and-so, his name was drawn for the big prize at the January meeting and he was absent. He apparently is determined

to miss no more meetings and, incidentally, no more chances.

After adjournment Comm. KELLEY sprang a surprise in the form of a full-length movie, "Navy Spy," which was thoroughly enjoyed and after which DAN and JOE likewise sprang a surprise and served hot dogs (instead of doughnuts) and coffee, which concluded a most interesting evening.

—FRANK E. MCCAFFREY.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: John T. Sullivan, 16 Goodwin Ave., Revere, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: Gilbert T. Cass, 20 Charles St., Danvers, Mass.

BOSTON

Commander: John F. Collins
381 Pond Ave., Brookline, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The regular Monthly Smoker for March was held on Thursday, March 20th in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the YD Club of Boston. The meeting was called to order by Pres. JAMES and reports of the past year were heard. Treasurer PACIFICI gave an itemized report of the financial standing of the Club, which showed a profit for the year on account of the Conventions held in Boston in 1940, the YD and the Legion. A loss in rent due to the lack of a tenant in the first floor would have given us a loss for the year if it had not been for the Conventions. The following officers were elected, President, JOHN F. COLLINS, 1st V.P., JOSEPH C. SIMMONS, 2nd V.P. EDWARD A. CONNOR, 3rd V.P. ARTHUR F. RYAN, Treasurer ALBERT M. PACIFICI, Secretary H. GUY WATTS. Directors for one year, Dr. Simon B. Kelleher, FRANK W. COPPINGER, for two years, ERROLL G. EMERY, GEORGE R. ROBERTS, for three years, FRED L. JACKSON, JOHN L. RILEY.

The membership for the year was the largest since 1928. After the meeting National Commander APPLEBY showed a few reels of movies and a good crowd was on hand.

YD Auxiliary — Boston

Mrs. Nonie J. Nugent, our energetic and capable President has outlined a very active and progressive year.

Sewing meetings have been again organized and with Mrs. Agnes Lacasse, Past President as Chairman are meeting each Monday from 10 A.M. until 3.30 P.M. making pneumonia jackets, hot water bottle covers and abdominal binders and operating room tray covers for Chelsea Naval Hospital.

Weekly whist parties have been planned. Sr. Vice President Mrs. Lillian Snow and Past President Mrs. Bertha M. Kenney are Co-chairmen for April. Mrs. Helen Cosgrove and Mrs. June Coleman will be in charge of parties held in May, these parties will take place every Tuesday evening at the YD Club, tickets 35 cents.

A visit to Rutland Heights Hospital during the Easter Holidays has been planned and cigarettes, stationary, stamps, etc., will be presented each YD. boy hospitalized there, 49 YD boys as of February 1st reported by Mrs. Nina F. Knott, Recreational Aide in Rutland Hospital. Treasurer, Mrs. Bertha M. Kenney P.P. is Membership Chairman and is extending a cordial invitation to all mothers, daughters, sisters and wives of YD men to become members. Dues are $1.00 a year. Why not join now? Write or phone Mrs. Kenney at 48 Lyndhurst St., Dorchester, Mass. Tel. 8915.

(Mrs.) Alfred C. Hendrickson, P.P.

DANVERS

Commander: Edward W. Bates
20 Central Ave., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter held their March meeting at Middleton March 20th; 21 members sat down to a fine lobster stew and steak supper. The usual William's cocktail hour preceded the supper which was as usual very potent. After supper nomination and election of officers followed which resulted as follows: Commander WES GROVER, First Vice Comm. PAUL MOOR, second Vice, GEORGE FERGUSON, Treasurer, ERNEST FOSSA, Sec., CHARLES DAVIS, Chaplain, WEB BLANCHARD, Trustee, BILL SPENCE. After the business of the evening had been disposed of our good friends EVERETT ELLIOT and FRANK COOK gave us three swell reels of movies which were very good.

We were to have had the film "Wings of the Army" but the film did not arrive in time so Everett like a good scout dug up three others, and he is in hopes that he can get "Wings of the Army" for our next meeting. It might be of interest to you Danvers Chapter members to know that Everett is supplying these films for us free of charge and your Secretary knows that he does not get them free gratis but no amount of pressure can be brought to bear by me to reimburse him, he absolutely refuses to be reimbursed, so what's a fellow to do? He claims he gets a bigger kick out of attending our meetings than we do. There's a pal of the YD if ever there was one. Any of you boys meeting EVERETT ELLIOT on the street just tell him what you think of him. He won't take thanks from HAROLD JODIE or me. Our next meeting will be held at Mrs. Pike's Inn, Middleton on April 30th. Chicken and steak will be the chow and just keep the date in mind and let's have 100 percent turnout. We will have our State Dept. Com. JOHNNIE SULLIVAN install the new officers after which we will have the film "Wings of the Army."

I have just received the Chapter due cards, which I will mail to all members shortly, and when you get them just come across pronto, we will appreciate it. Remember Danver has just as good a chance of winning the state dept. trophy for increasesd membership as any chapter, and I would like nothing better than to hear my name called at the Manchester Convention to come up and receive the trophy for Danvers chapter, let's go gang.

SKIMMY CHASE is home from the hospital minus a little less of his leg than he had before but he is taking it on the chin like a good old YD'er. HARVEY BISHOP came all the way from Ayer to be with us at the last meeting. Harvey is a real dyed in the wool YD man. We got a new recruit at the last meeting, an MP from the 101st MP, WILFRED HALL, Wilfred says he wished he had known a long time ago that we had a chapter, as he realizes the fun he has missed. AUSTIN GATES of Batt. F, 101st FA is also signing up at our next meeting. MUTT HANSCOMB, old B Co. 104th Inf. from Lynn Chapter was with us and he complimented the chapter on the splendid manner in which we elect our officers.

—C. W. DAVIS.

FITCHBURG

Commander: J. Harold Crain
160 Union St., Leominster, Mass.
Secretary: William E. King
431 Main St., Leominster, Mass.

Fitchburg Chapter, Y.D.V.A., held their regular meeting, March 11. It was voted to have the Past Commanders' Night on March 25.

On that night National Commander AUSTIN APPLEBY, assisted by National Sergeant-at-Arms JAMES SULLIVAN, presented the following Past Commanders of Fitchburg Chapter, Y.D.V.A., with Past Commanders' Badges: Past Commanders DANIEL F. MORAN, ARTHUR G. SHEA, CHARLES J. GOGUEN, THOMAS J. COURCELLE, and THOMAS KENNEDY.

After the presentation a luncheon was served and a good time was had by all.

— WILLIAM E. KING,
Secretary.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Roy Wightman
4 So. Kimball St., Bradford, Mass.
Secretary: Ballard Crockett
2 Clinton St., Haverhill, Mass.

Here's a salute to FLOYD "Butsey" STAPLES (102nd F.A.) for being No. 1 man with the 1941 dues and our well known ice fisherman. We surmise that there is something besides minnows in his can for bait!

Our veteran of four wars and former police officer ALBERT L. HOULE, has been retired from the force upon his own request. He was our former top-kick (A 102nd F.A.), but there haven't been any Bronx cheers coming his way since our return for he was soldiering when the most of us were wearing three-cornered pants. Come on in, Al, and join the old gang.

Smiling JOE SEYMOUR has been confined to the Hale Hospital for observation and X-rays but he is at home now.

JACK FLANAGAN reported that Mrs. Belle COMEAU, Gold Star mother, is improving slowly but is still restricted to her bed. Mrs. Comeau's kindness and understanding are known far and wide beyond the borders of this community and every ex-serviceman will be hoping for her improvement. The A. L. Post here is named for her son, Wilbur M. Comeau.

TED BRINDAMOUR (102nd F.A.) Vice Commander, State Dept., D. A. V., was co-chairman

of the Military Ball held by that organization March 21st. A good representation from Chapter 99 attended.

The writer met up with FRANCIS DEAL in a local bowling alley recently. Some time after the war Mr. Deal, senior, was stopped on the street by an officer of the old outfit and was told, "You should have called your boy 'Square' Deal'." Pleased? What father wouldn't be?

We hear a word now and then from our old Secretary BILL MCCORMICK who is working in the Portsmouth Navy Yard and can't make the meetings. His Mrs. is active in the auxiliary.

ERROL ROLFE who is a step-dad to young Clifton Brown reports that the youngster has volunteered (no less) and is in the young YD.

We have received word from the Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, that MARTIN "Doggie" GOYETTE is confined there, probably for ten or twelve days.

BILL DRYDEN of North Andover dropped in at the last meeting, renewed old friendships and paid his dues. HORACE JAMES looked the old gang over, too.

May I rise up on my hind legs and remark that we have the "enterprisingest" bunch of gals in our auxiliary. (This is not a challenge.) They have just conducted a Style Show and used for models girls from five to forty-five, all recruited from their own ranks. And the entertainers, too, would have been a credit to Major Bowes.

Some of the boys have been wondering about the Editor's promise of "My Greatest Thrill of the War." Would like to get ERNEST (the Bad) METEYER's version of it. He was the best gunner corporal in the A. E. F. and Captain M. knows it, too.

It is with sincere regret that we report the passing of EVERETT J. JERMYN's mother, the second sad occurrence since our YD Mothers' Day of last December.

With a prayer that this issue be released early, the writer wishes to remind all YD-ers to keep open the date of our Military Ball, April 18th, Friday, 8 p. m., Polish National Home, 222 Washington St. . . . A 50-foot bar down and a swell dance floor up, and the best orchestra in town. Tickets are half a buck and not a dull moment.

— CROCKETT, Sec'y.

Haverhill Auxiliary

March 15th we held a rummage sale at the Dugout, under the able direction of Josephine McCormic, assisted by Edith Neumann, Sally Hart, Ruth Meteyer, Catherine Hamilton, and Bertha O. Welch. Members contributed generously.

March 18, the Dugout was the scene of a cabaret style show. St. Patrick's day colors and flowers were used for decorations. The committee in charge was: Mrs. Lillian Brindamour, chairman, President Bertha Welch, Catherine Hamilton, Ruth Meteyer, Annie Pluff, Margaret Powers, Lillian Seymour, Katherine Burnham and Mae Brown.

The models were Beverly Brindamour, Roberta Hamilton, Joan Brindamour, Teddy Brent, Emily Seymour, Mary Hamilton, Constance Hartford, Mrs. Ella Mae Mack, Miss Penelope Pappas, Mrs. Florence Tarleton, Mrs. Henrietta Blackburn, Mrs. Fannie Crockett and Miss Betty Scribner.

The entertainment follows: Songs, Claudette and Joan Faucher, radio singers; popular songs, Ray McCormick and Muriel Poole; novelty dance, Miss Mary Hamilton; harmonizers, Powers Quintet; readings Miss Sheila Brent; "McNamara's Band", William Hamilton and six boys; baton exhibition, Karoline Lamb; dance, Claire Meteyer, Judy Morrison and Patricia Williams; western numbers Patsy Ann and Peggy.

Refreshments were served by a group of young girls dressed in St. Patrick's day costumes. They were Olive Mae Brindamour, Peggy McCormic, Catherine Powers, Helen Dosite, Waneta Brown, Dorothy West, Rita Seymour and Virginia Meteyer.

Sally Hart, a most ambitious worker, has been confined to the Hale Hospital for observation. We are all hoping that it does not mean a long spell.

Annie Pluff, Chairman, with Margaret Powers, Catherine Hamilton and Florence L. Tarleton, are a committee to make arrangements for our anniversary party to be held Saturday, March 29, 1941. A mystery ride has been announced.

— F. L. T.

LOWELL

Commander: Quincy B. Park
119 Viola St., Lowell, Mass.
Secretary: Eugene G. Ricard
151 Central St., Lowell, Mass.

Our Chapter members were deeply shocked to learn of the sudden death of our newly elected Commander, EUGENE G. RICARD, who passed

away at his home less than forty-eight hours after his installation.

"GENE" as he was familiarly known by hundreds of business and social acquaintances, served in Battery F, 102nd F.A. He was transferred shortly after reaching France to G-2 section B of the intelligence service. He was stationed at Chaumont and later sent to Toul where he acted as a counter-espionage operative. For a time he acted as head of the American counter-espionage agents stationed at Toul. "Gene" secured evidence which was vital in opening a case which helped to break up a spy ring operating between Toul and Paris. This evidence was later turned over to the authorities of the French Intelligence bureau and several spies were executed by a French firing squad.

Upon his return home "Gene" had been interested in veteran's activities, being a charter member of the Legion and the 40 and 8. For the past few years "Gene" had been active in the activities of Lowell Chapter. He was continually on some committee and was one of our best workers.

Our banquet and installation of officers held on the evening of March 22nd was his last effort on our behalf. Its success and the general good time enjoyed by all who attended was due to a large extent to the untiring efforts of Gene.

Last respects were paid by the YDVA at the funeral home by National Commander APPLEBY, National Sgt. at Arms JAMES SULLIVAN, Dept. Commander JOHN SULLIVAN, Dept. Sgt. at Arms LEON VARNUM and the Dept. Chaplain. A delegation from the Lynn Chapter headed by Commander WALTER SMITH were also present.

Impressive funeral services were held at St. Jeanne d'Arc Church, Thursday morning, with more than five hundred people in attendance. Nearly all the members of Lowell Chapter attended the services to pay their last respects.

Bearers were EDWARD F. SCULLIN, EDWIN ROBEY, LOUIS RENAUD, JAMES A. MCKEARNEY, CLARENCE HILDRETH, EDWARD DESAULNIER, ROYAL K. HAYES and QUINCY B. PARK.

The following members of the Legion commanded by ANDREW VANDETTE composed the firing squad: DANIEL COAKLEY, THOMAS BROWN, GEORGE MCDONOUGH, WILLIAM H. COONEY and THOMAS VICKERS.

PERSONALS

WALTER DOUGLAS (Batt. F) had the misfortune to fall while skiing at Guilford, N. H., March 16th. Walter suffered a broken leg and will be laid up for several weeks.

CHARLIE SIMPSON has recently returned to his home after a painful but not too serious operation at St. John's hospital.

Our annual banquet and installation of officers was held at the Rex Ballroom, Saturday evening, March 22nd. Delegations were present from Lynn, Manchester, N. H., Concord, Fitchburg, and Andover.

LYNN
Commander: Walter Smith
53 New Ocean St., Swampscott, Mass.
Secretary: Earl M. Bailey
77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, Mass.

Annual election of officers was held March 18th with results as follows:

Commander, PERLEY KNIGHT, formerly of 101 Engineers; Sen. Vice Com., CLAUDE HOAG, 101 F.A.; Junior Vice Com., EARL BAILEY, 101 F.A.; Treasurer, P.N.C. A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE, 101 F.A.; Chaplain, BYRON MABIE; Sgt.-at-Arms, IVAN COMEAU; Historian, LEON VARNAM. Executive committee: EUSTIS GRIMES, THOMAS CURRAN, MICHAEL GAROFANO, GUSTAVE JOHNSON, WALTER SMITH. Trustee of Trust Fund, A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE. Sec. and Judge Advocate are appointed by the new Commander. Installation will be held April 15th.

Our annual Fathers and Sons nite was held March 25th and we had the biggest crowd ever, about 75 youngsters and 150 members. A fine program was in charge of GUSTAVE JOHNSON assisted by CLAUDE HOAG, HERBERY WEEKS, EUSTIS GRIMES and others. The picture "Battling around the American League" was shown and "Blondie" Ryan, ex New York giant gave a fine talk. Entertainment and a fine luncheon ended the program.

The Chateau Thierry Club also put on a fine skit and went over big with "DICK" HENNESSEY and "MIKE" GAROFANO doing great work. We also initiated 12 new members which makes our present standing the highest ever.

Twelve of our members hold high ranking in the new YD and 4 others are leaders in the new State Guard.

Our new Junior Drum and Bugle Corps is coming along fine under the leadership of Captain HARRY MOORE and will perform at our Annual Health Week party April 1st and ex-

pect to make their first appearance in Memorial Day Parade. Dr. CHESTER P. BROWN and ROYAL THOMAS are co-chairmen of Health Week affair.

Our "Barrage" publication is still going strong and our Editor, PERLEY KNIGHT, has done a splendid job. Any of you YD men who would like a copy, just send me one buck and get it for one year. We have two subscribers, two real true sons of YD, PNC LEN MALONEY at New Haven and RAY QUEENIN at Washington, D. C.

—RAY DOUCETTE.

MILFORD

Commander: Michael J. Hachey
71 Main St., Milford, Mass.
Secretary: William O'Reilly
62 Bancroft Park, Hopedale, Mass.

Well at last Milford Chapter has come to life as far as YANKEE DOINGS is concerned, we had nomination and election of officers at the last meeting and the result was with no contest and with the best of feeling Commander GUY GEORGE D'AMELIO, Senior Vice Commander, "The one and only" LESTER MANN of the 101st Machine Gun Bat., Junior Vice Commander ALBERT STOBACK from one of those Truck Company's that stole the Rations of Medway and after all Comrade MANN comes from Mendon and another man from the Truck Company is WALTER (Pike) DREW who is our Chaplain and Major ELBERT M. CROCKETT who is our Host and Trustee (also the Old Man, the Watch Dog of the Treasury). By the way the Old Man is Chairman of the Worcester County Commissioners and if any of you old YD men get in the Brig at Worcester you've got to see the Old Man before you can get out. And Otis Stone (D.S.C.) who is also our watch dog of the Treasury, and who was also appointed Secretary by the incoming Commander. BILL O'RIELLY has held this position for a number of years but he and Otie has to split it up because Bill is pretty busy with the Defense work.

The Installation will be held on Wednesday evening April 16th, at the Dugout and the committee is E. M. CROCKETT, Chairman, with GUY D'AMELIO, LESTER MANN, CHARLIE GOUCHER, EARL CHRISTOPHER and TOM HALACY of Uxbridge.

Captain HENRY R. HOYLE who has donated an electric sign for outside of the Dugout and LESTER MANN who has donated a YD bronze plaque for the fireplace at the Dugout should be dedicated at the Installation.

Arrangements for the Department meeting and election or installation of Officers will be held at the V. F. W. Home on Exchange St., Milford on Sunday, May 4th and it is the wish that every YD man attends, for we have something in store for each and every one of you that you will never forget, and this means you MALLEY.

The committee is DOMINIC GUADOGMOLIA, WALTER DREW, HENRY CYR, HENRY MORRISON, of Mendon, MILTON DOXEY, FRANK SPILSKI, JACK SHEA, ALBERT BONIN, and MIKE HACHEY. The Installing Officers are N. C. AUSTIN APPLEBY assisted by Department Commander JOHN SULLIVAN and our Nat. Sec. GUY WATTS.

Nat. Service Officer FRANK W. COPPINGER is to be a special guest because of the fine work he has done during the last year and many years gone by.

I hope that the Danvers Chapter reads this especially CHARLIE DAVIS, who we hope to meet at the 104th Reunion.

— CHARLIE GOUCHER.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: William H. Barter
32 Hussey St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: William W. Dresner
140 Central Ave., New Bedford, Mass.

Our installation exercises and Banquet went over with a bang on March 11th, at the Knowlton House on Acushnet Avenue. Of all the nights we had to pick, it would be raining one minute and snowing the next. I was out at the city line with a police car and a police chauffeur, waiting for the boys to come in. I had just said to him, I hardly think that any of the boys will be able to make it from out of town. The roads were just like rivers. All of a sudden along comes a car up to its hub in water, with our National Commander AUSTIN F. APPLEBY, and National Sergeant-at-Arms JAMES H. SULLIVAN at the wheel. I told them not to get out or they would have to swim back to their car and to follow us in. That is YD spirit for you to venture out on a night like that, and when we arrived at the Knowlton House I was sure glad to see our State Commander JOHN T. SULLIVAN with our State Department Sergeant-at-Arms LEON F. VARNUM and others from Lynn.

Our meeting was opened by our Past Commander CHARLES CHAPIN, who then turned it over to S. Com. JOHN T. SULLIVAN, and S. D. Sgt.-at-Arms LEON F. VARNUM, who had done a

good job at installing the officers and deserve a lot of credit. In addition to Mr. BARTER, the following officers were installed: CHARLES STRINGER, Senior Vice-Commander; ADDISON CRAFTS, Junior Vice-Commander; WILLIAM W. DRESNER, Recording Secretary; WALTER JOHNSON, Treasurer; JAMES BUCKLEY, Chaplain; SAMUEL J. PICARD, Sergeant-at-Arms; LOUIS MARCOUX, ADELARD SAUVE, and JOHN J. COUGHLIN, Trustees.

A revival of interest is being shown in the New Bedford Chapter as to membership. We have a good working committee on membership headed by LEONARD MCDONNELL who is chairman, and we are not stopping until the membership reaches one of the highest points of its history. Our National Commander was presented a check for $120, representing the paid-up membership of 60. I told you Commander that we had a surprise for you.

The evening's meeting began with a chicken dinner at the Knowlton Coffee House, where after checking, to our surprise, there were 73 to dinner, and what a night it was. After this the company adjourned to the hall for the installation ceremony. Major General ROGER W. ECKFELD, New Bedford born, Commander of the 26th Division was unable to attend. Colonel ROLAND A. CHOATE, custodian at the Massachusetts Military Reservation at Camp Edwards was our guest speaker and he stated how General ECKFELD, was attending a meeting with his staff officers nearly every night. The Colonel gave a very interesting talk as to the training of the new Yankee Division now at Camp Edwards. The National Commander presented to the Past Commanders of the New Bedford Chapter the first issue of the new YD lapel buttons. Among those receiving these were JAMES J. MCQUINN, WILLIAM DRESNER, WALTER BURNS, and CHARLES CHAPIN, the latter the retiring Commander at this time.

National Commander APPLEBY then spoke on membership, and urged the present members for a membership of 5,000, saying that there are men that have never been members of the YD, these fellows are all YD buddies of ours, that they are all scattered throughout the country, somewhere, and urged all the Chapters to try to locate them, this is the only way that we can get to them. Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms JIM SULLIVAN outlined the plans for the National Convention to be held in Manchester, N. H., June 5, 6, 7, and 8, urging a full attendance and he joined with the other National and State department officers in urging the members of the New Bedford chapter to attend meetings of the National and State departments. Mr. SULLIVAN was for three and a half years a member of the State police stationed at East Freetown.

Included among the other speakers, in addition to the State and National officers were Deputy Collector of Customs William Fitzgerald.

It was an occasion doubly memorable for our new Commander, for his son, William H. Barter, Jr., is leaving for induction in the new army the United States is building. Mr. BARTER presented his son to the Chapter members, and he wished and expressed the hope that the son may be sent to Camp Edwards and become a part of the new Yankee Division now undergoing training there.

He has told us since that the son is now attached to the new YD at Camp Edwards, he is certainly proud and you can not blame him, I felt the same as he did, as though he was my son. I have two boys, how I wished they were only old enough now. The oldest is 16, and the other is 14. I told them the other day that they may have a chance yet.

That March front cover of the YD DOINGS of a fighting Irishman, George M. Welch, 19 year old warrior, from Worcester was a corker. When you are down there and you see these boys training you get that feeling, you know what I mean, you fill up.

In closing, our next meeting will be on the coming National Convention. We are not stopping at 60 members you know Commander, that is what you think, we will leave it to you as they are still coming in.

— BILL DRESNER, Sec.

READING
Chateau Thierry Chapter
Commander: Albert C. Maxwell
15 Gardner Rd., Reading, Mass.
Secretary: Thomas H. Campbell
11 Wilson St., Reading, Mass.

A toast is in order, to the men of the month, of the Chateau Thierry Chapter, namely, Commander ALBERT MAXWELL, and Comrade ED ROWE. Both these boys deserve a world of credit for the success they achieved in obtaining new

members during the month of March. A recap of their efforts show they secured 12 new members, and 3 re-ups, which is pretty nice going in any Chapter.

Following is a list of the new members: Dr. MERLE WESTCOTT, WARREN CHARLES, GEORGE RICHARDSON, LYMAN PRATT, LORING WILCOX, and GARDNER GILL, all of Reading. HAROLD GREENLEAF, CHARLES DEFAZIO, WILLIAM FALL, and PERCY MCWHINNEY of Wakefield, JOHN GALLAGHER of Stoneham, and ERNEST DOWNING of Wilmington. A swell bunch of boys, and a mighty nice job Al and Ed.

Our membership is getting close to 60, and we hope to see it grow larger each and every month.

On Thursday, April 10th, we are electing our officers for the coming year. That's one night the boys turn out in force.

Our installation will be held on Wednesday night, April 23rd, at the Amer. Legion Victory House in Reading Square. All Chapters and their members are invited to be with us on that date. We believe our installation will be fully as good, if not better, than last year.

Comrade TAYLOR of Derry, N. H., was our guest at the March 13th meeting. He spoke about the National Convention to be held in Manchester, and promised 24 hours a day of fun and entertainment.

— T. H. CAMPBELL, Sec.

SALEM

Commander: John Walsh
81 Summer St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Charles A. Laforme
33 Balcomb St., Salem, Mass.

The only item of interest in Salem in March was the Installation of Officers held in the YD quarters Friday evening, March 28. This was a joint Installation with our Ladies Auxiliaries. The installing brass hats were Nat. Com. AUSTIN APPLEBY, Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms "Cowboy" SULLIVAN, State Com. JOHN SULLIVAN and State Sgt.-at-Arms LEON VARNAM. Installed were: Commander JOHN F. WALSH, Bat. D. 101 F.A.; S. V. C. HARRY MILLER, Bat. D 101 F.A.; J.V.C. EMILE GAGNON, Bat. D 101 F.A.; WILFRED THIBODEAU, Treas., H. 104 Inf.; Chaplain BRANDT TOMKINS, Bat. D 101 F.A.; Judge Adv. WILLIAM LINSKEY, Bat. D 101 F.; Historian EMIL THIBAULT, Bat. E 101 F.A. and Trustees EDWARD CALHOUN, Bat. E 101 F.A., WILLIAM MCHUGH, H. 104 Inf., CHARLES LAFORME, Bat. D 101 F.A., MICHAEL O'ROUQUE, Bat. D 101 F.A.

Auxiliary Officers were, Pres. Juliette Thibodeau, S. V. Pres. Marie Leblanc, J. V. Pres. Anna Morin, Sec. Dolores Dionne, Treas. Marie St. Pierre, Chaplain Mary Dooley, Historian Cora Demeule, Sgt.-at-Arms, Sarah Perron, Trustees Louise Thibault, Lillian Leger, Diana Gagnon, Louise Thibodeau and Jennie Thibault.

Guests were Senator Joseph Harrington, Mayor Edward Coffey, Pres. of City Council Phil Durkins, Councillors Phil Morency, Arthur Crosby, School Com. Doc Toomey, Chief of Fire Dept. Arthur Flynn.

Com. SMITH and members of Lynn Chapter and Auxiliary Commander WIGHTMAN of Haverhill and Auxiliary Mr. and Mrs. H. Bishop, Danvers and Boston chapters, Mrs. Appleby and Mrs. James Sullivan, Am. Legion and Aux., V. F. W., Spanish War Vets, Polish War Vet., State Guards Vets.

HARRY MILLER was master of ceremonies and he did a swell job. Refreshments were served by our Ladies Auxiliary. Dancing till 12 P.M. Side lights—Your news hound was presented a Past Commander lapel button by Commander CHEROOT WALSH. John is like an elephant, he never forgets. He felt I did my bit to keep the ball rolling and showed his appreciation—so John, I'll try to be like an elephant and remember your thoughtfulness and keep plugging for you and the old YD.

Councillor PHIL MORENCY sang "Alouette" and "Madelon" in French. Members sang the chorus in A.E.F. French style. The closing selection of the evening was "God Bless America" by Mayor Eddie Coffey and PHIL MORENCY and the gang joined in.

The only guy disappointed was Baby Dumpling TOMKINS, he was not asked to yoddle—we heard him once and it sounded to me like when my old tom cat got his tail caught in the motor of my wife's washing machine.

This was not only Installation night but presentation night. First the Auxiliary presented Com. CHEROOT WALSH a cigar case, then the boys presented a little gift and flowers to my better half, the out going Pres. and flowers to the incoming Pres. of the Aux. then the girls presented a locket and flowers to the out going Pres. and flowers to the incoming Pres., then a number of the sisters presented their gifts to the out going Pres., then she presented gifts to her officers, then CHEROOT WALSH presented me with the P.C. lapel button, and I ended the pre-

sentation with the panties to Money Bag THIBODEAU (evidently all *present*. Ed.)

After the guests had been escorted to their seats, HARRY MILLER said, is there any more guests in the hall to be escorted? and WILLIE HAM MCHUGH, who was standing near the hall door yelled, no, there's only Youse Guy Bannon left, and he lost his ear trumpet.

To MAXWELL of Reading this is to notify you that we are willing to go to Reading any time you say to show your boys how to play this grand old game of Cribbage, and to CHARLIE DAVIS of Danvers, it is O.K. by us to have this meeting he mentioned in the last issue of YANKEE DOINGS between Danvers-Beverly and Salem, to play Cribbage or chew the rag, and we will try to take money bag sister THIBODEAU along and show you the nice panties he wears. Amen.

—THIBAULT.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Roy F. Coons
51 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.

The Springfield Chapter held two very well attended meetings during the month of March. At our meeting held at the Hotel Charles, March 7th, it was decided that the chapter purchase the new Past Commander lapel buttons for our eight past commanders. These buttons are to be presented at our installation of officers party April 5th. Nomination of officers was closed at this meeting with the nomination of Comrade JOHN L. LOWE for Senior Vice Commander and Comrade FRANK REGNIER for trustee. It was also decided to hold a very intensive membership drive as soon as the newly elected officers are installed.

The following amendment to our National By-Laws was accepted by the Chapter at this meeting and forwarded to the National Executive Committee for action at the National Convention at Manchester, N. H. in June.

THE AMENDMENT

The National Dues for this Organization shall be as determined by the National Body and shall be based on the fiscal year. At no time and for no reason shall these dues be pro-rated or any membership offered for less than the one year period.

This resolution was drawn up by Comrade CLARENCE E. ROSS and given careful study by members of the local chapter.

Our outstanding social event for the month of March was a Mystery Ride. This took place Saturday evening, March 15th. About fifteen cars left the City Hall shortly after 7.00 and the destination of the party was only known by the members of the committee. After about an hour's ride, by way of Wilbraham, Hampden, Somers and other small towns, we arrived at Enfield Inn, in Enfield, Conn. The remainder of the program consisted of an excellent supper, served piping hot, and music for dancing. Two casualties were reported during the evening when one young lady fell off a chair and another went flat on her back in the dance hall. Of course, both were accidental, but caused considerable commotion for a short time. Unfortunately, co-chairman BEACH was confined to his bed the night of this mystery ride, but the remainder of the committee "carried on" which consisted of Comrades PATCH. ROSS and LOWE.

At our meeting March 21st, we held our annual election of officers. The following comrades were elected to guide the destinies of the Chapter for the ensuing year, DENNIS J. BRUNTON, Commander; THOMAS F. CROKAN, Sn. Vice Commander; Dr. SYDNEY S. ISAACS, Jr. Vice Commander; ROY N. COONS, Sec.; BENJAMIN E. JOHNSON, Treasurer; CLARENCE E. ROSS, Judge Advocate; ABRAHAM FLESHER, Historian; ANDREW H. BIRNIE, Chaplain; WILLIAM FISHER, Sgt.-at-Arms; Trustees, ROBERT L. BEACH, ROSWELL F. PATCH, EDWARD C. MALEY.

Comrades of the Springfield Chapter, you have selected the above comrades as officers of your chapter and Commander BRUNTON has requested that I make a personal appeal to each and every member to give these officers the support they deserve by attending meetings and serving on committees.

As this is my last article for DOINGS, I want to say that it has been a real pleasure to write for you each month during the past three years, and I hope that these articles have proven to be of interest to the readers of DOINGS.

A meeting will be held at the Hotel Charles on Friday, April 18.

—ROSWELL F. PATCH.

Springfield YD Auxiliary

The fourth annual membership supper of the Springfield YD Auxiliary took place at the Old Rose Inn, Westfield, Mass., March 17.

The tables were very attractively decorated in keeping with St. Patrick's Day. After enjoying a delicious meal we proceeded with our regular meeting and election of officers.

The following were elected—Pres., Mrs. Katherine Crokan, Sr. Vice, Mrs. Irene Coons, Jr. Vice, Mrs. Margaret Heber, Secretary, Mrs. Gladys Greer, Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Dee, Chaplain, Mrs. Myrtle Gilligan, Sgt-at-Arms, Mrs. Ann Valentine, Historian, Mrs. Margaret Johnson, Directors, Mrs. Mary Brunton, Mrs. Geo. Egan, Mrs. Agnes Meffen.

After the meeting we enjoyed movies, group singing and a solo by Mrs. Brunton.

Mrs. Crokan did a fine job as chairman of this affair and we can truthfully say a grand time was had by all who attended.

Mrs. Mildred Martindale is chairman of the installation committee, assisted by Mrs. Valentine, Heber, Coons, Chapman, Crosier and Gilligan.—IRENE COONS, Sec.

(And a bouquet to Irene for nice, clean copy.Ed.)

WORCESTER

Commander: Fred A. Jones
4 Tatnuck Terrace, Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
8 Newbury St., Worcester, Mass.

Everything seems to be going along O.K. up here in Worcester. News will be brief this month as everybody is working like h——l on the monthly social and trying to get as many paid up members as possible for 1941.

The big news for the month is our fifth annual Dinner Dance and Floor Show which will be held on Wednesday evening, April 16, 1941, at the Town Club on Lake Avenue. This spot is situated on the beautiful shores of Lake Quinsigamond just a few minutes ride from the center of the city. For any of the Comrades that would like to attend the tickets are $1.25 per, for a full course dinner. If at the end of the dinner anybody has not had enough we will serve them another full course FREE.

There will be more to follow on this affair in the next issue of DOINGS.

— C. O. E.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: William A. Allen, 165 Henry St., Manchester, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith, 12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

STATE MEETING — BRIDGEPORT

Commander ALLEN opened the meeting. PNC AL HERMAN, PNC LEN MALONEY, Commander ELLIANO of Bridgeport, Commander BRYSON of Wallingford, Commander LINDGREN of Willimantic, Commander WOODS of Norwalk and Commander RIICKEREL of Stamford were acknowledged by the chair, also Commander HIRSCH of New Haven.

Due to the severe snow storm only nine chapters were represented and the treasurer was absent.

Chapter reports: Bridgeport, 41 members, 3 more coming up April 1, Commander ELLIANO welcomes us to Bridgeport; Manchester, 54, election of officers at Army and Navy Club on March 11, farewell party to National Guard on March 5, Dept. Commander ALLEN chairman, over 500 fed, Col. CRAMER and General JOE NOLAN spoke, entertainment, permanent committee formed to care for selectees and others, gift from town planned; Middletown, 11, 25 coming in April 1, farewell party for National Guard, fed 407, 78 were guests, permanent committee of 39 civic, fraternal, church and veteran organizations, KOLINSKY chairman for dinner, Ex-Governor Ray Baldwin and President McConaughy of Wesleyan University as well as Col. Cramer and General NOLAN spoke, YDVA turned over $289 to fund for the Guard.

New Haven, 98, 4 coming in April 1, successful birthday and valentine party held, very fine memorial service and dedication of plaque to General HAGGERTY on Sunday (2nd), planning a stag party; New London, 38 with 3 new men coming in, farewell for the National Guard on Sunday (2nd); Norwalk, expect to have a send-off party for the National Guard, AL HERMAN, chairman, appointed by mayor, money donated to company funds, razor and blades for each man, toilet kits, other useful gifts, parade the night they go, with school musical units, coffee and doughnuts, neighboring communities will

join in, mayor and officers will speak assisted by loud speaker.

Stamford, 45, very much alive, average 22 at meetings, invite state officers and other chapters to installation on Sunday afternoon, April 6th; Wallingford, death of ERNIE BORGHI, boys have YDVA at heart; Willimantic, 65 with 3 more coming in April 1, meet first Monday each month (Willimantic, Norwich, Danielson, Putnam), fed 460 with 20 guests at National Guard farewell dinner, March 5, GARDINER HALL, chairman, did a good job.

Reports on illness: AL HERMAN reports JOHN MANEK at Rocky Hill; LINDGREN reports LAPAN and ED DONOVAN at Newington; ELLIANO reports CHARLES GEIBEL at Newington, LAWRENCE MCGRATH at Base 81, SAM MARCUS at Rocky Hill; HIRSCH reports ANASTASIO at New Haven General, BOUCHER at Newington; RIICKEREL reports HAROLD RITCHEY at Base 81; EARL LYONS of New London reports TONY YANCO and BILL MCLOUGHLIN at Newington; Secretary reports visit with PIMPARE and ALLEN at Newington on way to Bridgeport, saw TOM CAMPBELL of Reading, (Mass.), and SULLIVAN of Holyoke, JERRY GRIFFIN of Waterbury, also YANCO and LAPAN, all improving.

Raffle Committee: Commander reports GARDINER getting out tickets, prizes are Eversharp fountain pen desk set (NC APPLEBY), table lamp (FRED HIRSCH), pyrene fire extinguisher (ROBERT DICKSON, Dept. of U.S.), registration plate YD No. 7 by permission of Col. CONNOR, and baby pig (PETERSON).

Resolutions: On the passing of Dr. THOMAS F. MAHER, by PSC WM. THOMPSON and PNC AL HERMAN, read by PNC LEN MALONEY, voted approved.

State Guard: Commander still holds some application, AL HERMAN reports Norwalk has an all veteran unit, New Haven has mercy units, LEN MALONEY thinks YD State Guard unit dead, GEER has received no communication from any source.

Commander reports GARDINER HALL appointed to select plaque as trophy to chapter getting greatest increase in members for the year.

Nominating Committee: Chairman AL HERMAN (replacing PNC ED MILLER called out to active service and unable to serve) offers slate of officers for coming year agreed upon by committee, 6 out of 9 members present:

Captain CLARENCE GEER, Commander; BENJAMIN BOURN, Senior Vice-Commander; LAWRENCE LINDGREN, Junior Vice-Commander; Treasurer, JOHN O'CONNOR of New London; Historian, WALTER BOARDMAN of Meriden; Chaplain, Father ANDERSON of Waterbury; Service Officer, JOE KOLINSKY of Middletown; Americanization, Major CHARLES SPRAGUE of Bridgeport. (No nominations for secretary, sgt.-at-arms or judge advocate). Meeting approved slate as read. Final action next meeting.

Remarks: SVC GEER asks why world war veteran should not be placed on same basis as Spanish War Veteran as to compensation, cites a case, KOLINSKY says National Economy Act ruled against world war veteran, DOC SPRAGUE says Veterans Home Commission must abide by federal regulation, veteran may be cut on admission if unable to prove dependents, veterans of other wars have pensions, AL HERMAN says veterans without compensation get free hospitalization.

LEN MALONEY closes with a case of YDVA going to work for a lifer at Wethersfield who has finally gone free, a YD man.

— C. G. BECKWITH,
Secretary.

VALLEY CHAPTER

Ansonia—Derby—Seymour—Shelton

Commander: William E. Algren
37 East Ninth St., Derby, Conn.
Secretary: Nicholas Jecusco
11 Elizabeth St., Ansonia, Conn.

We met on the 28th of February and had a whale of a feed with the officers and men of Co. I and M of the 102nd Inf. Over 200 on hand and the old YD furnished the entertainment. We also gave both outfits a bulletin board with the YD on it. A happy trip and a safe return. Darned if we wouldn't like to go too. ERNEST GREYWACZ made the presentation speech when our fountain pen gift was handed to Major Niels I. Poulsen of the third bat'n. Hold everything. It wasn't our gift. The Ladies Auxiliary donated it.

On March 13th Past Com. HUNIHAN inducted the following officers for the coming year. ALBERT SPONHEIMER, Com., NEWTON WEEDIN, Sr. V. C., FRANK J. ROWLEY, Jr. V. C., WILLIAM E. ALGREN, Sec., ERNEST A. GREYWACZ, Treas.,

WILLIAM E. JONES, Chaplain, JOSEPH STAFFY, Sgt.-at-Arms.

And believe it or not a lot of us turned out by the dawn's early light, six A.M. to be exact, to bid farewell to the 102nd at the depot.

MANCHESTER

"Epieds Chapter"
Commander: Arthur E. McCann
160 Benton St., Manchester, Conn.
Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith
12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

At our March meeting in the Army and Navy Club the following officers were elected: Commander WILLIAM SHIELDS, S.V.C. ERNEST PETERSON, J.V.C. DAVE MCCOLLUM, Secretary CLYDE BECKWITH, Treasurer GEORGE BOOTH, Chaplain GEORGE HAWLEY, Auditors WALTER MAHONEY and ALEXIS TOURNAUD, Color Bearers GEORGE BROWN and THOMAS CURRAN, Sgt.-at-arms JOHN A. HOLZHEIMER. The Board of Governors consists of the last three past commanders—ARTHUR MCCANN, WILLIAM ALLEN and CLYDE BECKWITH.

On April 8th at the Army and Navy Club State Commander WILLIAM ALLEN and staff will install the new officers after which refreshments will be served. No business is planned unless a carnival is contemplated.

An advance contingent journeyed to Manchester, N. H. the last week end in March to locate billets for convention.

The YD turned out for the National Guard Military Ball and all had a good time but the farewell dinner for the boys before they went to Florida was more enjoyable for us old bucks who like to eat and look at some first class entertainment. Willimantic's affair was the same night, March 5th, so we couldn't see our neighbors' party too.

The VFW State Guard unit here has four YD officers, Captain WILLIAM LIGGETT, First Lieut. CHESTERFIELD PIRIE, Second Lieutenants AL JACOBS and DAVE MCCOLLUM. Dave's son, Clarence Edwards McCollum, is a sergeant in Co. K, 169th Inf., 43rd Division. There are other sons of YD in the new Division. How about sending in a list? ART BATEMAN'S boy is one. Any more? We wonder if the new 26th has any sons named after the Old Man.

ERNIE PETERSON and BILL SHIELDS have a bet on over who will get the most members this year. They are betting part of a pig. I didn't say what part.

—SEE-BEE.

MERIDEN

Commander: Walter F. Knox
74 Bradley Ave., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Clarence A. Roys
87 North Pearl, Meriden, Conn.

At our meeting held on March 24 the following officers were elected for the 1941-42 term:

Commander WALTER F. KNOX, 1st Vice Com. MARTIN CUMMINGS, 2nd Vice Com. H. E. CARTER, Treasurer STANLEY RAKOWSKI, Secretary CLARENCE A. ROYS, Chaplain JOHN R. FEEGEL, Historian ARTHUR A. SERVICE, Sgt.-at-Arms HENRY A. LAMOTHE, Trustees FIODI TOMASSETTI and EBEN DIKE.

YD men from our Chapter now at the Newington Hospital are: JACK GRADWELL, HARRY ADAMS and KEN PARKIN. We all hope they will very soon rejoin their families and their YD friends.

Meriden Chapter is out to do things and go places this year. We don't envy our bigger brothers, but we do intend to grow. Our new Commander, WALT KNOX, is on record as expecting a 75 member Chapter, and we have promised him our full support.

Plans are being made for the annual Seicheprey Day Dinner, to be held at 7 P.M. on Saturday, April 26th at the Cabin Grill, State Street, Meriden. To all YD men who can make it, and especially to all former Co. I or L men, we extend a warm welcome. We guarantee a big night.

—C. A. ROYS.

MIDDLETOWN

General John H. Parker D.S.C. Chapter

Our first Annual Ball will be held on Saturday, April 12, at the American Legion Home, Water Street, Middletown.

Howard Parsons and his Cubans will furnish music from 9 until 2 A.M.

If you're a paid-up member, for Pete's sake come with your family and friends.

We want particularly to have delegations from Boston, Providence, Springfield, Hartford, Manchester, Willimantic, New London, New Haven, Bridgeport, Meriden, Waterbury, Norwalk and Bristol.

Admission is *free!*

—J. C. K.

NEW BRITAIN

Commander: Walter Duplin
33 Woodruff Court, New Britain, Conn.
Secretary: Arthur Butcher

The New Britain Chapter has just finished its best year of membership. We have had a good attendance at our regular meetings and a fine attendance at our social meetings. The social committee has furnished some good speakers, good card games, motion pictures, and has even put on bowling matches for some of the fellows who think they are champions at that game.

Sorry we haven't had more news in DOINGS. But we have had plenty of activity and those who did not take in the meetings have missed some real good times.

By the time this article is published a new set of officers will have been elected and their plans for the coming season will be listed in future issues of this magazine. The membership can help by letting the new officers know what kind of meetings they wish and by more than can attend being at the meetings.

Don't forget the convention this year is at Manchester, N. H. and it is the real town for our convention. Plan now to be there and from the reports of the committee everybody will get their money's worth.

—ARTHUR BUTCHER.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Fred B. Hirsch
19 Clark St., New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Albert W. Smith
20 Arden St., New Haven, Conn.

FRED V. "Dynamo" HIRSCH, than whom there is no more ardent YDer, was unanimously named to succeed himself as Commander of New Haven Chapter at the March business meeting. FRED who has had a most active and burdensome year, tried to beg off but it was no bet.

Other officers were elected as follows: senior vice, STEPHEN BOMBOLISKI; junior vice, AL "Zipper" SMITH; secretary, HENRY J. DUBE; treasurer, JOSEPH SCHURK; historian, RAY CHARBONNEAU; chaplain, RAYMOND BUELL; sergeant-at-arms, JACK BATHGATE; trustees, LEN MALONEY and JACK DILLON.

The nominating committee, headed by Past Commander JACK DILLON, included BOB DUDLEY, FRANK WRYNN, JOHN KING, FRANK LEE and GEORGE TYRRELL.

Comrade CHARLIE BOUCHER was reported as being at Newington and ANDY ANASTASIO as still being a patient at New Haven Hospital. Cards were sent to both as well as to SAM MARCUS, of the Bridgeport Chapter, and "Buck" ADAMS, of Meriden. Buck is at Newington and Sam at Rocky Hill.

Commander HIRSCH reported the Birthday Party as being a bang-up time. The thanks of the chapter were voted to Comrade JOHN ANDERSON for a swell birthday cake. His cake and one donated by WOLFE, the caterer, brought $6.60 when auctioned off by LEN MALONEY.

Chaplain HENRY DUBE, who was chairman of the Haggerty Dedication Committee, reported the affair as being a great success. Everything went off smoothly although Commander AUSTIN APPLEBY was not able to be with us.

GEORGE MCHUGH lost $10 by not being present. His number was drawn in the Opportunity Night proposition. Next month the amount will be $15.00. STEVE BOMBOLISKI's number was first drawn but as officers cannot participate a second number was drawn.

Past Commander DILLON gave the boys a pep talk on the need of getting the membership drive underway at an early date instead of waiting until mid-year as had been done in recent years.

JOHN "Larry" SANFORD, Headquarters Co., 102nd Inf., a former chapter member was reinstated.

— L. J. M.

NEW LONDON

Commander: Albert E. St. Germain
P. O. Box 729, New London, Conn.
Secretary: John M. O'Connor
455 Montauk Ave., New London, Conn.

New London chapter elected officers for the coming year, at the regular meeting at New London, March 29th.

The following officers were elected: Commander, EARL LYON; Sen. Vice, JOSEPH WOOD; Jr. Vice, ERNEST MILLS; Treasurer, WILLIAM AIKEN; Secretary, MAURICE HEALEY; Chaplain, FRANK FRASER; Sgt.-at-Arms, ROY WILBUR; Historian, CHARLES PILLAR; Trustees, JOHN COUCH, ALBERT E. ST. GERMAIN, KENNETH WEBB.

Sen. Vice Commander ELBERT BARNES, Chairman of the New London State Meeting Committee, is planning a big affair for the next State

Meeting to be held under the sponsorship of the New London Chapter, April 20.

The meeting will be held at the Groton American Legion home. New London hopes for a big gathering, so all you YD boys and wives come and celebrate "Seicheprey Day" as guests of the New London Chapter.

A group of New London YD ladies who are noted for their good cooking, have volunteered to feed the gang. Come early and view the interesting spots, in and around New London.

The local YD boys will be glad to take you on a sight-seeing trip. There are many interesting places to see, such as the new Ocean Beach Park, Submarine Base, Groton Airport, Electric Boat Submarine plant, etc.

New London Chapter welcomed two new members at the last meeting — FRANK FRASER from Worcester Chapter and HENRY KORBER of Niantic, (F Co., 102nd Infantry).

BILL MCLOUGHLIN is at the Newington Vets Hospital. All the boys hope Bill will soon be back to town in good health.

Glad to see TONY YANKO back from the hospital.

JOHN BRUCE of the New London Chapter YD was installed commander of the New London Chapter, D.A.V., Sunday, March 30.

A large delegation from the New London YD attended to wish John a successful term. JOE KOLINSKY of Middletown was installing officer and many other YD men from other parts of the state, who are also members of the D.A.V. were present.

Mrs. Bruce was installed as president of the ladies' auxiliary of the D.A.V.

— JOHN M. O'CONNOR,
Secretary.

NORWALK

Commander: George Golding
38 Ohio Ave., Norwalk, Conn.
Secretary: Barney T. Clarke
72 Strawberry Hill, E. Norwalk, Conn.

The Norwalk Chapter is on the march from now on you will hear plenty from us. At our last meeting, March 21st, we have elected a new slate of officers and the command is forward march.

Enclosed you will find a newspaper account of our last night's meeting. Please give us a nice write-up in YANKEE DOINGS.

(Sorry Al, but we don't find clipping. Send in a load for May. We'll put it all in. ED.).

— AL. HERMAN.

NORWALK AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Aux. of the Norwalk Chapter also had their annual election of officers and the following were elected:

President, Mrs. Angeline Carrione; 1st Vice Pres., Mrs. Annie Golding; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Sue Herman; Chaplain, Mrs. Pearl Cullen; Historian, Mrs. Helen Booth; Sgt.at-Arms, Mrs. Mary Anderson; Trustee, Mrs. May Halloren, 1 year, Mrs. Anna Moore, 2 years.

— Mrs. AL HERMAN.

STAMFORD

Commander: Ray MacNicholl
R.F.D. No. 1, Stamford, Conn.
Secretary: Vincent Callahan
110 Glenbrook Rd., Stamford, Conn.

The annual installation of officers (joint with the Auxiliary) will be held at Carpenter's Hall, Stanford, Sunday, April 6, at 3 P.M. BILLY ALLEN, Dept. Commander, will be the installing officer, assisted by the old reliable EUCLID PINPARE. GARDINER HALL, CAP. GEER and CLYDE BECKWITH are expected to attend and invitations have gone forward to National Commander AUSTIN APPLEBY, BARNEY CLARK, and HENRY WOODS of Norwalk. Also on the guest list are Mayor Edward A. Gounoud, First Selectman George T. Bornett, and the Commanders of all allied veteran organizations in Stanford—twelve in all. The following comrades are to be installed into office:

Commander, RAY MACNICHOLL; Senior V.C., ALBERT M. BAKER; Junior V.C., JOHN NILSON; Secretary, VINCENT CALLAHAN; Treas., GEORGE GREER; Chaplain, GEORGE RIICKERL; Sgt.-at-arms, BERNARD J. BURKE; Trustees, FRANK PAGE and CARL PAIGHT; Historian, C. E. CALDWELL.

JOHN NILSON is Chairman of the Committee on arrangements.

The Chapter recently donated to the boys in the Guard going away and is otherwise active in defense activities. Fortunately for us, as in other outfits, the Auxiliary does most of the real work while we take the bows on the soap box. The ladies' recent Bingo went over with a bang and added a few much needed dollars to their relief fund.

Comrade HAROLD RITCHIE is back on the job after a short stay in Base 81.

Stamford starts its Tercentenary celebration Memorial Day and is giving the YD a prominent place in its plans.

Best regards to all around the State.

—RIIKERL and CALLAHAN.

WILLIMANTIC
Windham County Chapter
Commander: Lawrence E. Lindgren
Scotland, Conn.
Secretary: Gardiner H. Hall
70 Ash St., Willimantic, Conn.

One little prick and it's all over—that's what Father Lindgren has been doing since last October to all YD men who were not members of the best little Chapter in Conn. If you don't believe it, look at the membership. 27 new men since then and all but one taken in by Past Com. Lindgren. Incidently he has won himself one of those handsome YD rings for this and will receive same at the Convention. Better be there Commander.

ZIP LAPAN who has been at the Vets Hospital in Newington since last October returned home this past week much improved.

Comrade LEE, postmaster here and a Major on the Governor's Staff, has recently been appointed as head man for the Intelligence Section of the new State Guard. Jimmy knows his stuff and should be able with his years of experience along this line to develop a top ranking G-2.

Installation is over and we start a new year under an able and efficient leader, Commander TOM DELANEY of Norwich. TOM has been one of our consistent meeting attenders, one of our real workers and a loyal supporter the past four years. We have no doubt that Tom can and will equal the splendid record of Past Commander LINDGREN. Rest assured that your membership will back you Tom whenever called upon to do so. Best wishes for the coming year from all of us.

In connection with the Installation, congratulations are due to the four men who worked like blazes making the necessary preparations—we should have had lots more with a helping hand but too many excuses left the whole job up to HAGGERTY-MOSHIER-DONAHUE and PIMPARE. These four did a swell job.

On March 5th a swell Farewell Party sponsored by the Local YD in cooperation with 25 other Fraternal-Civic and Patriotic Organizations was a huge success. Over 450 were fed a turkey dinner after which a four-act floor show of high calibre was presented before about 800 people and this was followed by dancing. YD men working on the various committees did a noble job and many thanks in spite of the criticism which followed. All in all it was a swell affair and will long be remembered by the boys of the National Guard.

Now one more thing to all our members. Every year by Convention time our Chapter membership has been better than 90 per cent paid up. Do your little bit men, if you haven't already paid your dues. Every little bit helps and adds just one more to the rolls.

Also DON'T forget to make plans right now for that Convention in Manchester next June.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
Dep't. Commander: Robert B. Dickson, 320 Gregory Ave., W. Orange, N. J.

CHICAGO
Commander: Ernest Kentwortz
134 No. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.
Secretary: William H. Keyes
5452 Glenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

March 11th was meeting night in Chicago. We held the meeting, election, and installation all together. Your Secretary was not present due to urgent business. (I had a job.) The meeting was held in the Sherman Hotel. As has happened every time we have had an event this year, the weather was lousy. But there were quite a few that showed up anyway.

The meeting was called to order by Comm. KENTWORTZ. The first motion brought up was to have the Chapter dues changed to four bucks. Last year it was three, but three dollars didn't even cover the cost of mailing. The motion was passed.

The next question before the body was pertaining to the Legion Convention in Milwaukee. It was seconded and passed, that the Chicago Chapter hire a room in Milwaukee and be host to all YD men who come to the Convention. We are also going to have a YD Banquet, so get set, all youse guys, and plan right now to at-

tend. The Committee selected to take care of everything is KEYES, NAPE, ANDERSON, FICK.

Three new members applied for membership. They were ANDERSON, FITZGERALD and ADAMSON. We expect at least five more new members this year. It looks like a swell year for the Chicago Chapter.

Member ALLAN USHER is going to give us another one of those swell previews on the 15th of April.

Oh yes, I almost forgot. We had an election of officers. KENTWORTZ, our past Commander, was relegated to the well known ?O-N8(4?. He now automatically becomes the Chaplain. Without a dissenting vote, and absolutely no opposition, each officer moved up one step, and the two new officers elected were, Sect.-Treas. CHAS. R. FICK, and Sgt.-at-Arms, JOHN KLOCKOWSKI. So we now have Commander DANA HUBBARD, Vice Comm. WM. H. KEYES, Sect.-Treas. RAY FICK, Sgt.-at-Arms JOHN KLOCKOWSKI and Chaplain ERNEST KENTWORTZ. There was the large sum of nine dollars and a few half pennies turned over to FICK. Not much money, but we had a lot of fun last year, at that. If we get thirty members this year, that will mean sixty bucks to start with, so FICK shouldn't have too much trouble.

This will be my last article as Secretary, and let me say that I have always enjoyed shooting my mouth off to the entire membership of the Y.D.V.A., and if the time should come when I can be of any service, I am always ready. From now on you will hear from RAY FICK.

Don't forget the YD Headquarters and reunion Banquet in Milwaukee.

— W. H. K.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"

Commander: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.
Secretary: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.

At our last regular monthly meeting, held on Sunday, March 16th, we missed "Old Faithful", "Rocky" himself. He was at Colorado Springs attending a banquet being given there in honor of Mrs. Mabel Tanner, National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the V.F.W.

No Rocky — no bottle, so before eating, the boys went across the street to the bar of the Shirley and hoisted a few.

Truly welcome was PAT PEDICINO, this being his first attendance for a good many years. PAT has been a patient at Fitzsimons hospital for four and a half years. Now he is leaving and plans on going back to work again on April 1. Three cheers Pat and sincere good wishes.

Another former YDer whom we never had the pleasure of seeing at one of our meetings before, was R. R. CARR, an attorney-at-law, located in Idaho Springs, a former member of Co. A, 101st Engineers. He gave us the necessary two bucks for next year's dues.

JUDE PRESTON, who was present, informed us that he was now sorry that he had tied the marriage knot for Doctor MORRIS, who was not present. Said that since his marriage, that "Doc" doesn't get out so often any more.

MURRAY, CHAPIN, GOEDELMANN and VETTER were also present. CHANDLER away on Forest Service business. CARL JOHNSON, in Arizona, on phone company business. LOEB A.W.O.L. and NORTON bowling.

Had a postcard from "Fergie" from Florida, had seen my greetings to him in YANKEE DOINGS. VETTER.

NEW YORK

Commander: Elwin J. Cooney
105 - 31 - 91st Ozone Park, N. Y.
Secretary: Harold B. F. Lonergan
3961 - 10 Ave., New York City

The new administration of the New York Chapter started off with a "BANG", March 25, at the Prince George Hotel, with all the newly elected officers present. Following the "Get-together" dinner, the meeting was called to order by Commander E. J. COONEY. The Chapter "Colors" were advanced to the rostrum by our newly selected Color Guard consisting of EDMUND P. MCGRATH, EDWARD J. NOLAN, ERNEST J. KLUGE, and JULIUS FIDEL. In the absence of Rev. Father TEMPLE, JOE "Buck" O'BRIEN acted as Chaplain. Five new members were introduced.

Treasurer JAMES DONOVAN reported we had a sound treasury. Chairman of Membership ED WILSON reported five new members and displayed three beautiful trophies offered to the three members securing the largest number of new members, between March 25 and May 27th.

Next to our National Convention in Manchester, N. H., June 5, 6, 7, 8th, the biggest affair of New York Chapter is the Annual Memorial exercises in Fordham University to our own General "Daddy" EDWARDS. This year the services will be held on Sunday, June 1st, at 1 P. M.,

in the afternoon, and from appearances will be the largest turn-out New York Chapter has ever had. The "Edwards Memorial" committee consisting of First V. C. RALPH TURGEON. Past Commander JOE MCGLONE, Past Commander ED NELSON, Vice Commander Dept. of the U.S. ROBERT DICKSON, WILLIAM MORFORD, HARRY O'DONNELL and JOHN RACHEK are exerting every effort to make this year's services something to be remembered by the Fordham University faculty, our own members and guests. An open invitation is extended to every and all YD Comrades who may be in New York City on Sunday afternoon, June 1st to be with us at this great Memorial service to Daddy.

Past Commander ED NELSON who is Chairman of the Chapter for the Manchester Convention reported he was well pleased with the Registrations thus far, and if they continue to come in as they are now, a warning is hereby issued to Manchester "To Watch Out for N. Y.".

Past Commander ED NELSON then spoke on National Convention time, and the Chapter unanimously endorse the suggestion of the Washington, D. C. Chapter to hold our National Conventions the last week in June.

FRED D. BROWN was again chosen as Housing Chairman for the Chapter.

WHIT WASHBURN, Chairman of Entertainment will be assisted this year by ED REIDER, BILL MORFORD and BILL SAVAGE. BART KILEY, Chairman of Welfare, will be assisted by JOE GREENBERG, FRANK DEUTCH and "Buck" O'BRIEN. The Chapter "Reception" Committee will be JULIUS FIDEL, JOE "Buck" O'BRIEN and RALPH NEVINS. RALPH TURGEON, 1st Vice Commander, will show the movies taken of the Boston Convention at our next meeting, at the Prince George Hotel, Tuesday, April 22nd. All out-of-town Comrades of the YD are welcome at our meetings.

— HAROLD B. F. LONERGAN,

LOS ANGELES
"Southern California Chapter"

Commander: Harry McLaughlin
5016 Fifth Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.
Secretary: George K. Mitchell
824 Cresthaven Drive, Los Angeles, Cal.

Although there has not been much activity of late, the YD Club of Southern California is still meeting as usual.

The main item of interest just now is the annual election to be held on April 2nd. The report of the Nominating committee has been read and there will be other nominations before the balloting. Immediately after the election the new officers will be installed.

An Apremont-Seicheprey celebration is being planned for Saturday, April 26th, when members of the 104th and 102nd Infantry, A.E.F., will get together for a joint reunion with members of other outfits being invited to join in. This brigading of forces has long been talked about and after an enthusiastic discussion of the proposal at the last meeting a committee of two from each Regiment was appointed to secure quarters for the blowout.

— G. K. M.

WASHINGTON
Commander: David G. Dodic
2148 Cathedral Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Secretary: E. R. Cleveland
1700 Eye St. NW., Washington, D. C.

The YD Club of Washington met on March 5th, at the home of DAVE STAMBLER (our Treasurer-elect), 5223 Chevy Chase Parkway. Dave has a very fine home with a nicely finished recreation room which was plenty large enough for the twenty members who attended. Those present were: JOE JORDAN, CHARLIE MCMANUS, REX CLEAVELAND, GEORGE MCFARLAND, JIM BOYER, ERIC ERICKSON, JOHN CASWELL, GENE BURR, AL BARTRAM, DAVE DODIC, RAY QUEENIN, DAVE STAMBLER, BILL SHARPLES, NATE GOLDEN, PAUL HUTCHINS, LEVI ST. PETER, LOU MARGULLIS, MAURICE WHITE, RALPH BUTLAND and Major RICHARD W. SEARS.

A short business meeting was held and arrangements for the annual Installation Dinner Dance were completed. The party will be held at the Admiral Club, 17th and Rhode Island Avenue on Saturday, April 19, with cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. A short but excellent entertainment will follow the dinner and then dancing until midnight. April 19, besides being Patriots' Day in Massachusetts, is the eve of the anniversary of the battle of Seicheprey, where the 102nd Infantry surprised the Krauts with the information that Americans could fight.

The Committee making arrangements for the Dinner Dance is headed by Mess Sergeant ALFRED J. BARTRAM assisted by Kitchen Police

NATHAN D. GOLDEN and LEVI ST. PETER, Bugler PAUL HUTCHINS, Corporal of the Guard REX CLEAVELAND, and Town Crier RAY QUEENIN. JOSEPH A. JORDAN is officer of the day. There will be no speeches but it is anticipated that a few words of wisdom will be heard from the National Commander and from Congressman LARRY CONNERY of Massachusetts, EMMETT O'NEAL of Kentucky and CARROLL REECE of Tennessee, all members of the Club.

Officers for the coming year, to be installed by National Commander AUSTIN F. APPLEBY of Boston, are WILLIAM D. SHARPLES, Commander; ERIC ERICKSON, Senior Vice Commander; MAURICE WHITE, Junior Vice Commander; CHARLES McMANUS, Secretary; DAVE STAMBLER, Treasurer; and JOHN CASWELL, Chaplain.

An effort has been made to keep the price of tickets to the party within the reach of every YD man in or near Washington. For that reason the price of the tickets, which includes a first class dinner, a generous supply of cocktails, entertainment, dancing, and tips, has been set at $1.50 each. The Admiral Club can accommodate only about 125 as we may have to turn away those who wait until the last minute before getting in reservations.

After the meeting DAVE showed some very fine movies including fight pictures, newsreels, etc. And then, to top it off he and Mrs. Stambler brought on a wonderful turkey dinner. And of course the bar, presided over by PAUL HUTCHINS, (who, as an official of the American Red Cross, is an expert on Relief work) did a brisk business. When DAVE offered to entertain the Club at his home he wasn't kidding.

JAMES A. BOYER, former assistant foreman at APO 790 is now a Lt. Colonel, A.G.O.

Major JOHN CASWELL, our perennial chaplain, has just been called to active service (so we hear) with the Engineer Corps. — What training for a chaplain.

Incidentally, you birds, remember that DAVE STAMBLER runs the cigar store in the Southern Building. When you need cigars, cigarettes, magazines, etc., go out of your way a little to patronize a good YD comrade. The same goes for other YD men in business. If you need legal advice or help with your income tax see BYRON G. CARSON. If you want to get a law passed see LARRY CONNERY.

There will be a meeting in JOHN CASWELL'S office on Wednesday, April 2nd.

101ST INFANTRY ITEMS

The regular reporter of our activities, JIMMY POWERS, Regimental Secretary, and "Haitcha comp" valiant, is on the sick list at home, as a result of an auto accident. On Tuesday night, March 11th, accompanied by CHARLIE BARTER and TONY DRAGO, he was on his way to New Bedford, when the taxicab in which they were riding, collided with a truck. All three escaped death by a narrow margin. Here's hoping that they will all be O.K. very soon, as we need such live wires around to keep things going. We expect Jimmy to "turn around" and write this column next month.

"KNOCKO" MCCORMACK, Past President, and regimental spark plug, recently returned from a winter vacation in Florida, to his position as Deputy Superintendent, Market Department of the City of Boston. Never a week, or more accurately, never a day goes by, without "Knocko" going to bat for some one of the gang.

JOHN COUGHLIN, Regimental 1st V.P. is at home with boils and a bad cold, but can "take it" and will be on the job in a couple of days. Major GEORGE DAVIS (H Co.) is in the Army again, at Fort Slocum, N. Y.

"CHUCK" DELANEY (G Co.) has been very ill, but is now on the road to recovery.

FRANK SAVAGE (G Co.) Captain of B Company Mass. State Guard, reports many of the old Emmets of Worcester in line for the new outfit.

ENWRIGHT BRODERICK (H Co.) who is in the army at Honolulu, recently sent in a letter containing a check to pay for his regimental and company dues. We are sorry to hear that SAMMY

MARCUS (H Co.) is confined to a hospital, at Bridgeport, Conn.

Congratulations to Major and Mrs. ARTHUR HANSEN (F Co.) who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on March 22nd. Their oldest son joined the new YD at Camp Edwards.

BILL BARTER (H Co.) has a son in the new YD. He is with the 180th Field Artillery at Camp Edwards.

BILL COLE of K, just got out of the hospital after an operation on his face, necessitated by an old trouble, and is now O.K. Bill is quite a figure in Veterans affairs in the Town of Randolph, to which town he removed a few years ago. He has quite a plumbing business at 2 Cushing Avenue, Dorchester, in the Uphams Cor. District.

LEO SAVAGE works in the Boston Market district. CHARLIE SCANLON is in the Tax Collector's office of the City of Boston, where JOHN TRACY is a Deputy Collector. All old "One hundred and foist guys."

JOE GALLIGAN, B Co. and Past Pres. YD Club, is Probation Officer at the South Boston District Court, and from all we hear is doing a great job, having become greatly interested in the problem of Juvenile delinquency.

JIMMY FEELEY, Pres. of H Co., started off on the right foot with a first-class shindig at a restaurant on a wharf at Atlantic Avenue. The women were present, so nobody tried to jump overboard. H Co. had a swell time.

—JIM CRESSWELL.

103RD FIELD ARTILLERY

"The JAM Battery"

On the night of February 19th last the 75 members of the new C Battery, 103rd F.A. were given a send-off party by the old C bunch at the Armory of Mounted Commands, Providence, R. I., and to all the old Jam Boys who attended it will long remain in our memory as one grand evening.

It all started in mid-December when about thirty of us gathered at the same Armory for a Review and Drill of the first Battalion, including C Battery of the new 103rd. Following a short assembly for supper we went directly to the scene of the Review and much to our surprise we found some of the old gang whom we had not seen for years. Such faces as ARCHIE MCLAUGHLIN, KEN BURNHAM, SAM BARTLETT, IRV LAKEY, HARRY BRIGGS, CHAS. GILLO, EARL CARPENTER and a few more. And boy, what stories flew around that night, for it was about ten years since our last reunion.

Following the drill by the new Batteries, ARCHIE went on to put the boys through their paces and the "squads-right" went along all right until we wound up against the South wall and then called it a night, as far as old C Battery was concerned. The new Battery was then assembled at one end and both KEN JOHNSON and ARCHIE then proceded to tell the new boys just how we won the Guerre of '17-18, and believe me they both filled the bill and then some. We were then invited down to the Officer's Hall for beer and sandwiches and the old gang had the chance to meet the Officers of the new Battery. It was then that ARCHIE started the idea rolling to do something worthwhile and arrange a time when all the new Battery could gather with us for a send-off before their departure for Florida training camp. A collection was taken up that night to start things going and a Committee formed to plan the time. They were: WALT VICKERY, GEORGE MILLIGAN, MIKE CRESCENZO and RAN DARLING.

C BATTERY

Letters were read from D. S. BABCOCK, our first Captain when we were called out in '17; POP HENDERSON, who commanded the Battery through the last months of 1918 and up to discharge at Devens; JACK CREAMER of New York City; DON MILLAR of Greenfield, Mass; and BILL SHUPERT of Boston, all of whom sent generous donations to help make the night a fine success.

The following Bucks from the old Battery were there: JOE TACI, MIKE CRESCENZO, GEO. MILLIGAN, HORACE THAYER, WALT VICKERY, AL WAITE, WILD LYONS, JIM CLARKE, FRANK CARR, SAM BARTLETT, AMOS ARSENAULT, JIM PETCHOCELLI, JOE BURNS, JOE GREGOIRE, FRANK MCCORMICK, RAY THOMPSON, HARRY BRIGGS, AL TRACEY, MIKE FARLEY, JACK CHANDLER, BEAURY BULLOCK, FRANK KEOUGH, ERIC LEE, BILL MCGRATH, FRED WALSH, DUCKY PIERCE, DON MCGRAY, BILL O'ROURKE, LU SIMONE, KEN BURNHAM, BILL RENFREW, CARL EDEN, FRED MORTENSEN and BILL RYAN. ARCHIE was among the missing, but it was explained that the Navy had him

working overtime at Old Quonset, but he sure was with us in spirit.

E CO. ECHOES

Our old Captain JOHNNY LANGLEY has been promoted from Major to Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Regular Army, with rank from November 29, 1940.

Can anyone tell us the whereabouts of LAURIE GUILD? FRED HEWEY had a Christmas card from MARSHALL DOWSE who was then at 1234 Camp St., New Orleans, La. Perhaps he's reached his permanent camp! DODDY BENT's address is 9 No. Raynor Ave., Joliet, Illinois. BILL MOODY is out in the production division of the Cincinnati Ordnance District. Here's another card from ART DUDLEY, mailed in Norfolk, Virginia. DUD reports running across POP FOLEY in Norfolk and found him as good as ever. PERCY GARLAND is still a big shot up in Conway, N. H., being in the insurance business. WALTER JENKS called up to tell us that FRANK LAMORE died of heart trouble last October.

CHARLIE ALLEN wrote in early this year, said he had been down to see his old buddy FRED MARTIN in Rockland and found him feeling fine. How's HICK WELCH, by the way? Which reminds us, the other day a fellow-townsman of BERT "RED" DENNER told me BERT was working on some national defense committee and wanted to locate the old "E" Co. demolition squad. BERT DENNER's address is 12 Prince St., Needham, Mass., if anyone else has helpful dope for him.

BILL says that he heard that PERCY GARLAND is Trial Justice of the Peace in Conway, N. H. in addition to being County Commissioner for Carroll County.

IRVING LITCHFIELD called on me not long ago. Said he was working on plane motors. GORDON GRAFFAM lost his father and a brother this Fall. LLOYD SARGENT's father also passed away recently. PERLEY MCLELLAN is working for the E. I. duPont Co. in Portland. EDDIE SMITH is working on submarines at the Portsmouth Navy Yard. Has FREEMAN DENNETT's wedding been announced? Happened last Spring and he is standing the shock wonderfully well. BILL WHITTAKER and I were in Boston on 24 hour leave during the Legion Convention, but saw only one E Co. man—WALTER JENKS. All this defense activity makes us old war horses champ our bits.

A late bulletin just before we go to press tells us that GEORGE GILLMAN and JOHN ROONEY are doing their bit in the National defense program at the Fore River Shipyards in Quincy.

Those of you who know VERNON HITCHINS of "B" Co. will be interested to know that he was recently elected to the Board of Selectmen of Dedham, Mass. That's WALTER RIPLEY's town —and JOHN ROONEY's too—so it was probably the "E" Company spirit, after all, that won the election.

—RALPH M. EASTMAN.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

CLEVELAND
"Ohio Chapter"
Commander: Ralph L. Shaw
1820 Oakmont Rd., So. Euclid, Ohio
Secretary: Fred H. Flahavan
1257 E. 101st St., Cleveland, Ohio

Well folks, the sun's shining, it's almost Easter, and time for spring house cleaning. That seems to be the main topic around every home now; but we members of the Ohio Chapter feel real proud because we have beaten the ladies at their own job this year.

But the greatest improvement is in the large rear room. We painted the ceiling and upper walls, and had the side walls four feet from the floor covered in plywood, stained a light mahogany with a dark trim. We also put up new curtains which were made by George Cormier's wife, that being her business. Now with the addition of new flags in the brackets around the room, we really feel we have something pretty nice.

We expect to have a fine showing at the Manchester Convention as every man attending will get $25.00 expense money. This was voted at the March meeting.

ED LADE is busy with his committee arranging for the YD party this coming Saturday night. It is about a week late, but halls were hard to find, so we are dispensing with Bingo for the evening and having a party. There will be movies, floor show and eats with dancing, all for the huge price of $.25.

FRANK CRAIG is hitting on all cylinders getting the convention lined up for the Ohio crowd. Looks like there would be more then at Boston. More men are working and money is more plentiful. — FRED FLAHAVAN, Sec't.

MASS. STATE DEPARTMENT MEETING

At our recent Marlboro meeting the following officers were elected:

Commander, DENNIS J. BRUNTON of Springfield; Vice Comm., LEON VARNUM of Lynn; Secretary, THOMAS CROHAN of Springfield; Treas., FRANCIS LYNCH of Haverhill; Judge Advocate, FRANK SMITH of Beverly; Historian, R. HEFTY of Lynn.

A resolution was presented to the State Dept. to add a Jr. Vice Comm. to their officers.

Many of prominence attended and the following addressed the meeting: Mayor Cronin, Sr. Vice Comm. of the AL, and Comm. Riley of the VFW.

The next State meeting will be held at Milford on May 4th. The Commander requests all Chapters to make raffle ticket returns at the next meeting. Your Commander was also elated to see many of the absentee chapters at this meeting. Please keep it up. The State Dept. has adopted the idea of issuing stickers to paid-up members to show that he is in good standing for the coming year.

BEVERLY

Commander: Fred N. Creed
138 Conant St., Beverly, Mass
Secretary: Harold F. Heald
9 Clark Ave., Beverly, Mass.

We met at Jubilee Yacht Club as guest of our Jr. Vice Commander ROBERT STANDLEY. We had a very enjoyable fish chowder and then we got hoisted into chairs for a business meeting. After the feed Bob arranged for however, darned few of us had much life for awhile. Talk about chow. And plenty of seconds. We nominated and elected the following officers for the coming year:

Commander, FRED CREED; Sr. Vice Comm., ROBERT STANDLEY; Jr. Vice Comm. EDWARD W. PRISLY; Secretary, HAROLD HEALD; Treasurer, CARLETON HOSLEY; Sgt.-at-Arms, AUGUSTUS CREESEY; Chaplain, CEDRIC HODGMAN; Trustee, LAURENCE MONIES.

Installation will be at our regular April meeting and from now on start raising cane with HAROLD HEALD for copy for DOINGS. I've got a good job. I'm the sky pilot for the outfit from now on.

— CEDRIC HODGMAN.

CONCORD

"Minute Man Chapter"
Commander: B. Alcott Pratt
73 Main St., Concord, Mass.
Secretary: Reginald A. Morgan
99 Main St., Concord, Mass.

We meet every other month but the time we put on is so good that it takes that long to work up an appetite for the next one. We don't want to make other chapters envy us but we have a full course dinner, beer, no business meeting to speak of, three one-minute speeches, a piano with a whale of a player and 65% attendance. We have a private room at the Howard Johnson Stand at West Concord and the feed is free to members. Next meeting is April 15 and any eligible YD man who can sign up with our chapter is welcome.

FOXBORO

Commander: Joseph P. Dean
10 Coccaset St., Foxboro, Mass.
Secretary: Roland G. Hoogerzeil
6 Davis St., Mansfield, Mass.

The Foxboro Chapter, Y.D.V.A., now hold their meetings at the clubhouse of the Foxboro Fish and Game association on the first Tuesday of each month. The Chapter has full use of the clubhouse by the payment of one dollar per year per member.

This arrangement was a "break" for the chapter as the meeting problem was getting critical. At the March meeting a Ham and Cabbage supper was served the chapter by Comrade WALSH, and at the April meeting spaghetti and meat balls by Comrade KNIGHT.

Many of the boys, (including myself), are working overtime on defense work and are unable to attend meetings as regular as they would like.

— R. G. HOOGERZEIL.

SAVE SOME DOUGH — REGISTER FOR CONVENTION

When this issue of DOINGS reaches you there will be only about two weeks left in which to take advantage of the reduction in registration charges. If you will fill out the blank on the back cover, now, you can get for two dollars, what will cost you $2.50 after May fifth.

TAPS

Let me to my latest breath
In my body bear the death
Of that dying Son of thine.

Christ, when Thou shall call me hence,
Be Thy Mother my defence,
Be Thy Cross my victory;

While my body here decays,
May my soul Thy goodness praise
Safe in Paradise with Thee. *Amen.*

RAYMOND J. MAUN died at St. Albans, Vermont, March 10. He was a sergeant of Co. B, 101st Machine Gun Battalion. He leaves his mother, wife and daughters Pauline, Eleanor and Sally. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family. JIMMY was a real fellow, a good soldier and a wonderful father.

EUGENE G. RICARD, Commander of the Lowell Chapter, died suddenly on March 27, a short time after being installed. Services were held at St. Jeanne d'Arc, Lowell, with a majority of the chapter members present.

FRANK HALEY, Stable Sergeant, Headquarters Co. of 102nd F.A. died on February 17 at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Chelsea, after a long illness. Before going overseas he was Stable Sergeant with Battery C, First F.A. on the Mexican Border in 1916. He was given a military funeral and burial was in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence, Mass.

WILLIAM T. CAVENEY, G Co., 104th Inf., is reported dead but details were not given.

THOMAS F. BURKE, of Glendale, Calif., who served as a Lt., Co. B, 101st Inf. Died March 23 of a heart attack. He enlisted in 1913 in the old 22nd Eng. Regt., and was on the Border in 1916.

GEO. E. JAMES, Co. E, 104th Inf., died at his home in Vichy, Mo., as a result of auto accident injuries. Burial was from his home on Feb. 23rd.

RABBI WISEMAN who served with Headquarters Co. 101st Inf. and whose son Jay served in the same company during the war, passed away at the Chelsea Hospital on March 10th.

CHARLES NEAL formerly with C Co., 101st Inf. died suddenly at his home in Brighton on March 9th. The YD Post A.L. furnished pallbearers for the funeral.

BART HERLIHY who served with D Company, 101st Inf. was one of the fireman who was killed when the roof of the theatre in Brockton caved in and killed a dozen firemen.

LAWRENCE KELLY, D.S.C., formerly of F Co., 101st Infantry died March 14th interment at Woburn, Mass., on March 17, 1941.

GROVER E. JAMES, formerly of E Co., 104th Infantry died in an automobile accident on February 23, 1941. His home was in Vichy, Missouri. This report was sent in by GEO. H. ROBBINS, B Co., 104th Inf. of Kansas City, Mo.

Sympathy is extended to ROWLAND D. CROOK on the loss recently of his mother.

LUCIEN R. COTE died as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage at his home in Lewiston, Me., on Jan. 21st. He served with A Co., 101st Inf. and was given a military funeral by the YDVA and Am. Legion.

STANISLAS STAWICKI, former member of Co. E, 102 Inf., was instantly killed on March 21 when struck by a truck at Rocky Hill, Conn. He was an inmate of the new three and a half million dollar State Home for Soldiers and was the third to be killed there in the same way.

JOHN IREY SMITH, E Co., 102 Inf., died at Los Angeles March 29. Services were by the VFW with interment at Inglewood Cemetery.

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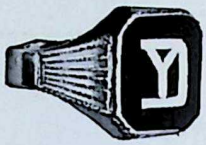

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